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Clash on economy sets stage for polling day

In the eve of today's poll, the main make the necessary sacrifices. Mr ning his first Cabinet meeting, probably olitical leaders clashed again yesterday "olitical authority to call on Britain to

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Wilson replied that Britain faced a wer the seriousness of the economic grave crisis but was not heading for risis. Mr Heath spoke of Labour's catastrophe; the situation was not as "cover-up" operation and said only serious as last February. So confident is he Conservatives had the moral or Mr Wilson of a working majority (Hugh Noyes writes) that he is plan- up of the two-party system.

on Tuesday. It is understood that he will keep his present team, with the possible exception of Mr Mellish, the Chief Whip. Mr Thorpe, for the Liberals, vesterday repeated his call for a break-

Grave crisis but no catastrophe ahead, Mr Wilson says

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iree main parties described ie crisis as the most serious nce 1945, or even 1931. All ie principal party spokesmen we consistently held the same

But yesterday, on the eve of ill, Mr Wilson and Mr Healey, e Chancellor of the Exchener, hotly challenged Mr eath's description of the verity of the crisis.

"Once more", Mr Heath charged at his headquarters conference, "we see on the final day of the campaign new facts breaking out which show the truth Labour's operation cover-up has been aimed to hide". Only the Conservative Party, would have the moral or political authority to call on Britain for the kind of sacrifices necessary to meet the peril.

through this election, through a fairly steady level in our balance of trade as a whole, but the non-oil deficit has been cut the vear while the oil deficit has been increasing. On the balance of trade we are doing better, while many others are tending to do worse. On inflation, we are tending to the peril.

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Mr Wilson retorted angrily within the hour that "the Conservative Party are acting at the end of this campaign as though they are convinced that it is to their advantage to sell Britain short"—one of the hitterest requestions in all Medical Parts of the statement of the self-section of the statement of the stateme

bitterest accusations in all Mr Wilson's polemical range. "Britain faces a grave economic crisis", he conceded.

Mr Healey's economic pros-pectus was almost sanguine. Asked what message he would give to the outside world, he said: "I would ask them to look at the objective facts published by the British Government, IMF (International Monetary Fund) or Common Market Commission. They do that, and that is why they have shown confidence in Britain over the past seven months.

"Our balance of payments has been improving while the United States' one has been deteriora-We have made this clear ting. We have been maintaining

to do worse. On inflation, we are tending to do better while others—though not Germany— are doing worse."

had been increasing in Britain, though not so fast as in Ger-many or the United States. But it was still too fast for his taste. "What is refreshing and en-couraging to me," Mr Healey

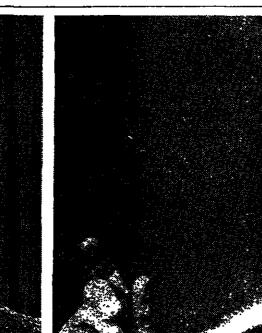
a fairly steady level in our balance of trade as a whole, but the non-oil deficit has been cut by half since the beginning of the year while the oil deficit has been increasing. On the balance —are very impressed by the evi-dence they see of the progress we are making with our prob-When he was asked about in-

vestment intentions, the Chan-cellor commented that he did are doing worse."

Output, he said, was the disappointing thing. It fell during the three-day week by 3½ per cent and by the end of July, the latest figures, the fall had not been made up. Unemployment had been increasing in Britain selective improvement in invest-ment "in the areas where it is

most needed".

For his part, Mr Heath seemed to be describing a Continued on page 4, col 3



Ir Heath and Mr Wilson at their eve-of-poll press conferences in London vesterday.

Last-minute poll shows Labour's ead down slightly to 9 per cent

All the indications from the Labour, with the subsequent figures are given as percent-st election survey for The stalemate result.

The Conservative Party's best

The latest voting intention esearch Centre, are that to-ty's general election will be on by the Labour Party. The survey, based on recall

terviews with 446 voters on lesday (a quarter of the iginal sample interviewed by RC over the weekend), finds very slight reduction in the thour lead-down from 10 per nt to 9 per cent.

If this position is maintained the voting today, it would we Mr Wilson a very submtial majority, certainly ough to give full authority his Government in the diffi-

lt months ahead. Mr Heath's final hope may that a sufficient number of ters will react against the ospect of a big Labour jority by switching their te, to change this picture amatically. This remains a calbillar Amara the analysis. ssibility. Among the portion the sample reinterviewed on esday, there is clear evidence at the Liberal bandwagon, uch has obstinately refused take off during the campaign, s moved into reverse.

Analysis of the interviews ows a certain amount of

itching around, but the net ect has been as follows: fectively no change in sup-rt for the Conservatives; ry little movement in support Labour; falling away in support for

Liberals, n February, when it seemed ely from the opinion polls at last weekend that the Convatives would win, a con-erable number of Liberals shably switched their vote to

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l'ans to freeze shop prices issue consultative documents on tea and flour, thus covering all subsidized foods except milk, for which retail prices are

that conservative rarry's best chance may be that something similar will happen again. But the most that can be said at this point (before ORC has com-pleted its second reinterview with nearly half the original sample) is that those voters who are slipping away from the Liberals are largely moving towards the "undecided" and "would not vote" categories and into the group who would not disclose their intentions not disclose their intentions.

This movement could be a halfway-house between switch-ing allegiance. But it could also be a sign that many voters are losing heart and opting out. After excluding the "un-decided", "would not vote" and "refused" categories, the effect of the swing adjustment

from the recall interviews is to lift support for the Conserva-tives by 2 per cent, Labour by 1 per cent, and to cut support for the Liberals by 3 per cent. The accompanying table gives

a comparison of the position at the weekend and the position of the parties adjusted to take in the results of the reinterviews carried out on Tuesday. (All

VOTING INTENTION

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| Lab | 43 | - 44 |
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| Others | 1 | 1 |
| Lab lead | 10 | 9 |
| Voting intention not given | 9 | 12 |

If Labour is returned it will

for butter and cheese. Traders have also fought hard for an

exemption from the freeze if

the base date price is a special

On sugar, Tate & Lyle said yesterday that it saw no

immediate prospect of raising its

output to meet the customary autumn increase in demand.

The company, which refines more than half the sugar sold in

Britain, said that it was main-

raining its rationing policy of the past eight months. That meant that the retail trade was

receiving about three-quarters of its supply rate of November

But the Ministry of Agricul-ture said that national output of refined sugar last month was a tenth higher than in Septem-

last year.

figures have been arrived at by using the following method. On Saturday and Sunday a nation-wide quota sample of 1,627 voters was interviewed in 105 parliamentary constituencies, chosen to be representative of the country as a whole.

On Tuesday, interviewers re-turned to 446 of the sample inteviewed at the weekend to check for changes. A high success rate in contacting voters on this second visit was obtained -85 per cent. The voting intention results from the first survey were then adjusted to take in the changes found in the recall

At the weekend, 9 per cent of the sample declared that they would not vote, were undecided or refused to disclose their voting intention. In 48 hours, the number of voters falling into the first two categories virtually doubled.
Unless there is a substantial

sampling or other form of error in the ORC figures, the chances of the Conservatives returning to office must be considered poor. ORC estimate that there is less than one chance in a hundred that a Labour lead of 9 per cent in a sample of this size does not reflect a real lead in the electorate as a whole.

If the sample is reliable, the best Mr Heath could hope for would be another stalemate re-sult. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of evidence that voters have become extremely volatile, and another un-expected and dramatic swing

cannot be totally ruled out.

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Prime Minister plans next week's Cabinet

Mr Wilson was in a supremely confident mood last night for a huge eve-of-poll rally in St George's Hall, Liverpool. As he mounted the platform the Prime Minister shook hands warmly with Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr Wilson heard Mr Jones tell the audience of 2,000 that not only would there be a great Labour victory today, but that in the years ahead "Harold Wilson will be able to lead a united team of the trade union movement and the Labour Party, working for the best interests of the nation."

So confident is the Prime Minister of a working majority in Parliament that plans are already being made for the early days of the new Labour administration. Mr Wilson is understood to have no plans for calling his first Cabinet until

early next week. The likely date for this first meeting of senior ministers is next Tuesday. Nor has Mr Wilson given any thought to the possibility of reshuffling his Cabinet. He is understood to believe that it would be a mistake to change the present

team. The only possibility that Mr Wilson is believed to be considering is to move Mr Robert Mellish, the Government's Chief Whip in the last Parliament, to a new position. Mr Mellish is known to have been under great strain in the closing weeks of Labour's last administration when late-night coalitions of the various minority parties often brought Labour defeats. If Labour is returned with a

working majority, the main strategy in the early months of the new administration will be to carry into law the provisions in the many White Papers, including those on social security and development land for house building, which were published just before the election cam-

paign got under way.
The Prime Minister is hoping for a large overall majority, and contends that he has no fears over the difficulty of controlling a parliamentary party with an overpowering lead over the opposition parties. In his speech Mr Wilson said he believed the Labour move-

ment stood on the eve of great victory. Britain would be electing today a fair and compassionate Labour government with a working majority. Only the Labour Party had the policies which could get Britain out of the present

crisis. To huge cheers, Mr Wilson said that the social contract was the symbol of the Labour Government's determination to trust the people of Britain.

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Sunny polling day

Election day weather will be sunny with occasional showers over most of the country, the London Weather Centre fore-

Divisions among Provisional IRA over bombing campaign in England

Divisions have emerged within the Provisional IRA in both parts of Ireland over its bombterrorection said yesterday. choice of a March base date for bread and an August one ing campaign in England. According to Provisional sources these have led to the arrest of about fifty members in Britain. The latest bombings in Guildford, in which five people died, were apparently organized and carried out by an IRA unit from London but had been sanctioned in advance by the Provisionals' army council in Ireland.

So far, the Provisionals have scrupulously refused to claim responsibility for bombings in England, although information that became available yesterday suggests that the campaign was planned in the early days of the violence in Northern Ireland. As long ago as 1970, Provisional IRA units were set up in England possibly to undertake

bombing attacks there. They were under strict instructions not to attend Republican cereber last year. Consumption was rising steadily, with regular increases in autumn and winter. The attention of the police.

in the IRA have nothing to do with any moral scruples about the innocent victims of bomb-ings. Several leading Provi-sionals believe that the campaign in Britain is having no worthwhile political effect—a demand from the population for

Britain to wash her hands of Ireland has not materialized as the IRA expected-and argue that their members there are being imprisoned to no purpose. The opposite point of view is held by a majority on the rul-ing army council in Dublin,

which believes that a continua-tion of sudden and sporadic attacks like those at Guildford would eventually achieve the desired effect. Mr Seamus Twomey, formerly

the IRA's chief of staff and still an influential leader, takes the latter view and so does the pre-sent Provisional commander of

the 1RA's Belfast brigade, who holds a leading position on the counciL Most of the bombings in Britain, according to reliable sources, have been the idea of

The arguments going on with-the IRA have nothing to do ith any moral securies about the IRA in Dublin only for approval That was the case with the

Guildford bombings. The mur-ders at the public house, con-trary to the suspicions of the British Army in Ulster, had no connexion with the trial at Wakefield of Judith Ward, a former member of the Women's Royal Army Corps.
No leading Provisional is pre-pared to say why his organiza-

tion does not admit responsibility for the various attacks in Britain, but republicans say privately that at least one incident, the bombing at the Tower of London in which a woman was killed, was not carried out by the Provisionals. Military intel-ligence in the North and people in close touch with the Provi-sionals agree that the IRA has been given active help by leftwing groups in London.
In Northern Ireland yester-

day about 1,200 people staged an anti-internment demonstrarion which closed most of the shops in the centre of London-

Guildford warning, 2

Israeli troops evict Jews trying to settle on West Bank

Tel Aviv, Oct 9

Israel hardliners dramatized their position that no part of the historic Jewish homeland be returned to Jordan by infiltrat-ing the West Bank in the small hours of this morning and squatting there.

Most of the squatters were reported removed by this even-ing, but a spokesman for the Emunim group, who organized the operation, said hundreds were still in the region, mainly in the Jericho area.

There were also counter-demonstrations by Israel doves in Jerusalem and at the Latrun-Ramallah crossroads. One group which demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem raided the headquarters of the Emunim block. They then told police they had found 14 Czech rifles and two Kalash-nikov sub-machine guns in the building.

The security forces had received advance information about the squatters' plans and they had set up checkpoints last night on roads leading to the West Bank. A large number of Israelis carrying sleeping bags and canteens were reported to

have been intercepted.
One convoy of three buses and 10 private cars carrying some 750 people set out from Jerusalem in the direction of Jericho and was stopped at a checkpoint. About 150 people left the vehicles and went overland by foot, reaching their destination at Maale Haamudim at about 6.30 am. Half an hour later their encampment was sur-

were some scuffles during the morning but before noon the squatters were induced to board buses and return to Jerusalem. In the Nablus area, several busioads returned but small groups were reported to be roaming the area today. It was said that the infiltrators had failed to organize and by night-

fall returned to Israel. In the Ramallah area, some 300 Israelis who were halted at a road block, lay down on the highway as a form of passive resistance. Soldiers carried them to buses and they were

In the Knesset today Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, reaffirmed that his Government was ready to negotiate a terri-torial compromise with Jordan but was committed not to com-plete a deal involving a with-drawal without first going to

the electorate.

Mr Rabin was speaking in the House in reply to complaints by the Likud opposition that he had deviated and offered to yield territory for a non-

The Prime Minister, seemingly nervous, dealt briefly with the matter. He explained that in an American television interview he had said if there was a serious offer of non-belligerency for "something in the West Bank" he would give sympathetic consideration. Mr Rabin accepted the Likud motion for a full dress debate

on the subject and thus avoided a House test today.

Washington, Oct 9

fended his new

President Ford today de-

economic proposals, insisted the United States was not in a recession, and said he hoped for

some meaningful reduction in inflation" by early 1975. Despite his wife's illness with

breast cancer, the President also said be had seen nothing to

change his prediction that he would "probably" run for election in 1976.

Ford sought to minimize his proposed income rax increases, suggesting they were needed principally for budger balancing

rather than deflation. He re-fused to speculate what further

measures might be needed if

his proposals failed to stem inflation.

exhortation to the American people and his belief that

they would respond to his appeals for energy and food

Asked whether Dr Kissinger's

effectiveness as Secretary of State had been affected by

recent congressional criticism

Mr Ford delivered a powerful

re-endorsement of confidence.
Dr Kissinger's work for peace

belt tightening.

The President emphasized his

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Kissinger Mr Ford is convinced mission inflation can begins with Sadat talks be cut From Our Correspondent From Fred Emery

President Sadat and Kissinger, the American Secre-tary of State, began talks here tonight in search of a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis. The discussion, at Mr Sadar's villa, began shortly after Dr Kissinger's arrival.

Dr Kissinger was greeted at the airport by Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister. He told reporters: "I am start-ing this trip to Cairo to talk to my friends the President and the Foreign Minister about what the United States can do to contribute to progress towards peace in the Middle

Observers here believe that the prime aim of Dr Kissinger's seventh Middle East tour, which will also take him to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Algeria and Morocco, is to give impetus to political efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli con-

These efforts seem to have lust momentum since the troop disengagement agreements on the Egyptian and Syrian fronts facing Israel. The accords were arranged by Dr Kissinger.

President Sadat is expected to press for an early withdrawal of Israel forces from Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank of the Jordan.

The rest of the news

Mr Heath's yacht: Two waves cost two lives, skipper says at inquest Surgeon sued: Woman admits she operated in wrong place

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Nobel Prize winners disagree on economics

By Tim Congdon The 1974 Nobel Prize for Economics was jointly awarded in Stockholm yesterday to Pro-fessor Gunnar Myrdal, of Sweden, and Professor Friedrich von Hayek, from Austria. The prize of 550,000 kronor (about £53,000) will be shared equally

between them.

The Royal Swedish Academy made the award for the two men's pioneering work in the theory of money and economic fluctuations and their pene-trating analysis of the inter-dependence of economic, social and institutional phenomena".

Professor Myrdal is well
known for his criticisms of the capitalist system, notably of its

capitalist system, notably of its effects on income distribution in both underdeveloped and developed economics.

Professor Hayek, however, is known primarily as a defender of personal liberty, particularly against the encroachment of the economic power of the state.

Professor Navial has made

Professor Myrdal has made no secret of his political tendencies and in his cutry in International Who's Who he is described as the "Swedish economist and politician". His wife, Alva Myrdal, is a Swedish Cabinat minister and is known Cabinet minister and is known for her campaigning work for disarmament. In 1970 Professor Myrdal and Alva Myrdal were awarded the West German Peace

Professor Myrdal was born in 1898. He was educated at Stockholm University and, after a number of academic appointments, became professor of academic appointments, became professor of the control of th ments, became professor of political economy and financial science in 1933. He held this position until 1950, although he was Swedish Minister of Trade and Commerce between 1945 and 1947. He has since become most formation of the professor of the professor of the political formation of the professor of the political formation of the professor of the political formation of the professor of the p famous for two epic empirical works. The American Dilemma, published in 1944, based on an investigation of the plight of the American negro, carried out between 1938 and 1943 for the Carnegie Corporation, and Asian Drama, published in 1968, a comprehensive study of

poverty in South-East Asia. His work on development economics has become the most important part of his activity in recent years.
Although Professor Hayek

has participated less fully in social and political debates, his views have often been controversial and have received in-creasing publicity. Like Profes-sor Myrdal, however, his first work was largely theoretical. Prices and Production (1931), Monetary Theory of the Trade Cycle (1933) and The Pure

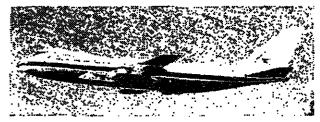
Theory of Capital (1941) are three, books reflecting this early theoretical strain. They were mostly written while Professor Hayek was Tooke professor of economic science and statistics at the University of London. He pecame a naturalized Briton in 1938.

More recently he has achieved renown for his contri-butions to political philosophy. Road to Scridom (1944) and Individualism and Economic Order (1948) were warnings against the extension of public ownership and public control of the economy.

His later works, such as The Constitution of Liberty (1960), have developed this theme. He Dr Kissinger's work for peace, he said, deserved whatever support he could give.

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Two waves that smashed into they had overrun the point if Heath's yacht Morning where Mr Cumming had fallen Mr Heath's yacht Morning Cloud cost two lives, it was stated at an inquest at Worthing, Sussex, yesterday.

Mr Donald Blewett, skipper, described how the waves lifted the Morning Cloud up and sent her crashing down into the trough. On each occasion a man was swept overboard, he said.

The inquest was into the deaths of Mr Heath's godson Christopher Chadd, aged 23, of Harrington Road, South Kensington, London, and Nigel Cumming, aged 43, of Turpins Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire. Verdicts of death by misadventure were recorded. ture were recorded.

Mr Blewett said the first wave struck at about 11 pm on the night of September 1. He continued: "We were sailing quite normally and suddenly we were picked up by a very large wave, turned over on to our side and dropped down into the trough of the wave. The wave broke over the boat."

The yacht dropped violently
"as if it had dropped through the air". There was a certain amount of structural damage, Mr Blewett said, and when the yacht righted there was a shout of "man overboard, all hands

When he got up on deck he saw that Gardner Sorum, a member of the crew, had gone over the stern and was being dragged along. It took five minutes to get him back on board. "I did a quick head count and found we were still one short. That was Nigel Cum-

ming". he said.
Mr Cumming had been wearing a safety harness and they found a broken lifeline still attached to the rail. They turned round and searched for five or ten minutes but there was no sign of him.

Mr Blewett said he started the engine during the search, but after a few minutes it stopped and could not be re-started. He also tried to send out a radio call, but there was a malfunction in the trans-

He also took some flares from the locker. Two did not work and the third climbed to about 10ft and then, because of the high wind, dropped rapidly and disappeared into the sea. The weather was constantly worsening.

overboard, they turned on a westerly course again and were

hit by the second wave.

Mr Blewett continued: lifted us up in the same way as the other one, turned us over until we were, I suspect, almost upside down, and dropped us back again into the trough. The wave broke over us, tore off the fore hatch, and water poured in."

There was more damage to the yacht, and deck beams split away from the deck com-pletely. "I decided then that pletely. "I decided then that we had not really got a chance", he said. "I went up on deck and in the melée we lost Christopher."

Another member of the crew had also gone over the side, but had hauled himself back. Chris-topher Chadd had not been wearing a lifeline, but had on an inflated lifejacket. Mr Blewett continued: "The

boat was laying to wind. She was very low in the water and we could not get her around, but by that time Christopher had disappeared. The waves were very high and he would not have to be very far from the

boat to disappear.

"I decided that we had to get out of the boat straight away. If she had been hit by another wave like that she would have

Earlier, Mr Blewett said the Morning Cloud left Burnham on-Crouch the previous day to go to Cowes. Shortly before they left, Mr Chadd came alongside in a motor boat and said Mr Heath had told him he could go on the yacht.

go on the yacht.
Mr Mark Calvert-Lee, the coroner, said: "I have heard nothing that leads me to suggest that this disaster was caused other than by extreme

"I am satisfied that, even taking into account the gale warnings which were made, there was no reason why this boat with its crew should not have undertaken the passage."
Mr Thomas Morison, counsel

for Mr Heath, said he had been asked by Mr Heath to give him a full report of the proceedings. He added: "You will appre-He added: Tou will appreciate that my client has already expressed privately to the relatives of the two men who died in this tragedy his deep perre sea. The weather was consantly worsening.

When they were satisfied that some sonal feeling of grief and sympathy. He would wish me to repeat these expressions today."

Guildford träders get warning of more bombs

By A Staff Reporter

Guildford police issued a fresh bomb warning yesterday. They are searching for an un-shayen man in a black coat seen in both the public houses, the Horse and Groom and the Seven Stars, shortly before the explo-

The police said three separate sources had told them that more bombs might be planted in Guildford soon. A circular was sent round the area warning staff at public houses, cinemas and supermarkets, especially those used by soldiers, to be extra vigilant, and telling them to dial 999 if they saw anything suspicious.

A general warning to be on the alert against further bomb ourrages was issued by the police to all towns in Surrey, including Caterham, where

including Caterham, where troops are stationed.

Mr Christopher Rowe, Assistant Chief Constable of Surrey, said the man in black was 30 to 35 years old, 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall, of slim build with a thin face, and appearing to be in need of a shave. He had dark, straight hair. straight hair. He was wearing a three-quarter length black coat, pos-sibly leather and belted, black

trousers tight at the ankles, plain lace-up shoes, and perhaps wore spectacles. Mr Rowe said: "Two or three

people saw him on the night. I want to find out if anyone fir-ring this description stayed in a boarding house in the area."
The man was seen at 8.40 in

been a police informer was "slaughtered like a chicken"

after being lured to a grave-yard, Mr John Mathew, for the

prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

He was cross-examining Robert White, a painter and decorator, who is accused with Francis Quinn, both of no fixed

address, of murdering Christo-pher Whitaker, aged 16, in St Mary's Cemetery, Neasden, Lon-

don, on January 25. Both have pleaded not guilty.



The bombed Horse and Groom public house in Guildford being demolished yesterday.

the Seven Stars, only 20 minutes before the explosion at the Horse and Groom. Mr Rowe said the man was carrying a brown paper bag "as if it contained a box ".
Witnesses have told the police

that he was carrying a brown holdall in addition to the paper bag while he was in the Seven He was seen in the

the body to impede the arrest of the other two. Mr White and Mr Quinn also deny having a shortened shotgun with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Mr White is alleged to have fired the first shot into Chris-topher Whitaker's head, and Mr Quinn the second. Mr White has alleged that Mr Quinn fired

Mr White told Mr Mathew yesterday that he did not know

Boy 'slaughtered like chicken' in graveyard

Stephen Dalton, aged 23, of Mr Quinn had a gun on the myself out of trouble and make Prayle Grove, Cricklewood, London, denies assisting in burying Quinn suddenly produced it, Mr Quinn, describing the

actually happened when his best friend came to be slaughtered like a chicken by Mr Quinn, Mr White replied: "The police were saying I had

shot him and done him in the nut, and could prove it. I was rrying to do the best to get

first bomb went off, with the their bars. The landlord of the holdell beside him. Three Pigeons, in the centre of

Two girls who resemble the Photofit pictures, issued on Taesday, were interviewed by lord of the Star Inn, Mr Alan bomb squad officers at Stoke Newington police station, London, yesterday but left after being eliminated Several Guildford landlords the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landbomb squad if the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landbomb squad if the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landbomb squad if the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landbomb squad if the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landbomb squad officers at Stoke Newington police station, London police statio are showing nervousness at He would not allow them in in-allowing many soldiers into groups.

Surgeon admits operation was in wrong spot

vidual salaries. A working party is to examine their pay structure, and salaries, in relation to other ITV employees.

Ford agreement: Talks on men were a special case.

BBC election strike

A threat to disrupt outside Ford's 163m pay offer to 53,000 broadcasts in BBC television's manual workers resumed election coverage was lifted yes rectangly when members of the its first day free of industrial

threat averted

Association of Broadcasting and

Allied Staffs agreed to revised

overtime payments for working through election night.

The dispute started when 500

cameramen, engineers and other BBC staff at Acton threatened

not to operate some outside

broadcasts unless they got a better overtime offer. ITV settlement: Pay increases.

of 19 per cent have been agreed for 160 journalists employed by 14 regional independent television companies (our Labour Staff writes). Agreement was reached after office branches of the National Union of Journalists accept the com-

the National Union of Journalists voted to accept the companies' offer yesterday.

The increases, in line with those agreed for journalists of Independent Tolevision News last week, will be backdated to July. The journalists have also been promised a review of individual sularise. A working parry

Miss Carys Margaret Bannister. a surgeon, being sued by a man who is now crippled for life, agreed at the High Court in Leeds yesterday that she made an incision in an exploratory spiral operation one tory spinal operation one vertebra above where she

Miss Bannister, now senior registrar at Leeds Infirmary neurosurgery department, said she did not think it crucial in the operation, to remove a vertebral plate, to be at the precise spot, or one vertebra above.

Mr Quinn had a gun on the myself out of trouble and make night in question. He said Mr Quinn suddenly produced it, Mr Quinn, describing the either from his sleeve or from shooting, said that Mr White under his coat, and fired at the gun at Whitaker. "I Asked why he had not told the police the truth about what actually happened when his head to frighten him", he said. "I did not think he had come to he was soing to fire at him." Miss Bannister and Leeds Area Health Authority (Teaching) are being sued for damages for alleged negligence by Mr Reginald Lockwood, aged 53, a former colliery overseer, who was said by Mr Clifford Lauriston, QC, his counsel, to be paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his was going to fire at him.

"Me and Bob (White) were walking side by side and he said 'Give me the shooter'. I passed it to him. He took it from me and aimed it from behind at Chris's head."

Mr Lauriston said Mr Lock-wood, of Sacksup Lane, Darton,

near Barnsley, had been in that condition since the operation is October, 1967. He alleged that Miss Bannister performed the

disputes since June (our Labor

A draft settlement is expected to be reached tomorrow, and be put to workers over the

weekend or early next week

The final settlement will infringe the social contract rule that there should be 12 mouths between rises. The strike by press shop workers cost Ford

press shop workers cost Ford £40m worth of production.
Bus crews' claim: Union leaders of 150,000 provincial bus drivers and conductors have lodged a claim for substantial pay increases. No figure has been given, but the Transport and General Workers' Union is brown to be seeking about the

and General workers union is known to he seeking about £10 a week more. In March bus crews were awarded Phase Three increases

of about £3 a week, bringing basic weekly rates to between £20,15 and £26.85.

Mr Larry Smith, the union national bus secretary, said yesterday that the claim did not breach the social contract. Bus

gram (spinal test) done within a reasonable time before the operation.
Mr Lockwood went into the hospital for the operation after one myelogram had apparently shown a tumour. Miss Basnister said yesterday that me

operation at the wrong site and that she had not had a myab

tumour was found.

She was asked by Mr Owen
Stable, QC, her counsel, "Ware you conscious of anything at all having gone wrong with the operation while you were operating?" She replied: "I was not aware of anything at all." The spinal cord looked absolutely normal.

She said she had no right-i

decide on a further myelogram and did not recall considering that one was needed. The bearing continues today,

Rise in school-leaving age blamed for crime rate

Crime in West Yorkshire has risen by almost a quarter since on the three months' before January 1, and the police are police reorganization on April 1 laying much of the blame on and the four months that fol-

allowed to get jobs they would have more to interest them

the burglaries detected this year up to the end of July involved juveniles. Mr Stanley Parr, the chief constable said in his report vesterday.

The proportion was about a tenth higher than five years ago, he added, "It leads to the inescapable conclusion that the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, have failed to stem the rising tide of juvenile crime."

Mr Parr based his comments A police officer said: "Some juveniles seem to get bored by being kept at school and become involved in crime". If the police area, which was roughly halved by reorganization, 30,258 crimes were reported in the first outpression. in the first quarter of 1973.

Crimes reported in the new In Lancashire, more than half area between April 1 and July to burglaries detected this year 31 totalled 12,178 compared with 11,062 in the same period of last year.

> Up to the end of March this year there were 9,418 burgla-ries compared with 6,301. Detection rate was 36 per cent compared with 35 per cent. From April 1 to July 31, 3,373 burglaries were reported, com-pared with 2,875. The detec-tion rate fell from 51 per cent to 42 per cent.

Pill may cause congenital defects in the new-born By Our Medical Correspondent

Yet another adverse effect of oral contraceptives has been identified in the United States. Doctors have found that the sex hormones in the contraceptive pill may on rare occasions be responsible for causing congeni-tal defects in newborn babies. Ever since the thalidomide disaster, most Western countries nave maintained research proes intended to detect any other connexions between drugs taken in pregnancy and congenital defects.

Almost certainly thalidomide was unique in that a very high proportion of the pregnant women who took it later gave birth to affected infants; unfortunately it is far less easy to identify a drug that has such an effect on only a small pro-portion of those who take it. For that reason, the usual approach has been to work backwards, taking a group of babies with similar birth abnor-malities and then trying to find a common factor in the drugs their mothers took during preg-

The New England Journal of Medicine reports today that the Birth Defects Institute in New York studied 108 cases of babies born with absence of or serious deformities in arms or legs, deformities similar to but not identical with those caused by thalidomide. Interviews with the children's mothers showed that six had become pregnant while taking the pill, and nine had been given sex hormones during early pregnancy.

In contrast, in a group of 108 mones for a woman wh mothers of the same age and be in early pregnancy.

background but with normal babies, only four had taken sex hormones. The chance that the difference is simply coincidence is less than one in 50. Furthermore, of the 15 affected babies born to the mothers who took sex hormones in pregnancy, no fewer than 12 were boys. If sex hormones do increase the number of babies born with

defects, the effect is small. In the past five years there have been nearly a mil the area covered by the New York research programme. Of those million babies about malformátions serious enough to warrant reporting, and of those 10,000 fewer than 200 had limb defects, only one in every 5,000 births. Ten years earlier the rate of limb defects was closer to one in every 7,000 births, so that there has been a slight increase during the period when oral contraceptives have steadily increased their popularity.

Despite the small size of this increased risk, the institute concludes that there is a cause-andeffect relationship. Suspicion has also fallen on oral contraceptives as occasional causes of defects of the heart and intes

It seems that if the mother or the foetus has a predisposition towards developmental defects a disturbance of the hormonal balance at a critical stage in early pregnancy may be enough to tip the scales. For once the practical implications of the findings are clear. Doctors should look very critically at any prescription of sex hor-mones for a woman who might

damages a store in Derry

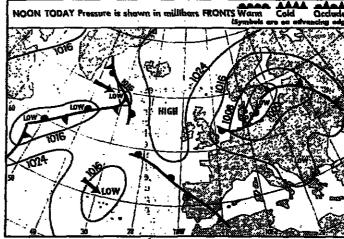
A bomb badly damaged a supermarket in Strand Road, near the docks, in Londonderry yesterday afternoon, but the two men who planted the ex-plosives gave a half-hour warning and the surrounding streets had been evacuated

bomb went off. Ulster Defence Regiment, as well as RUC reservists, have been called out for polling day today. There is usually some violence in the province when electors go to the polls, although many voters, a proportionately larger number than in Britain, have already that in postal roter probable. sent in postal votes, probably because of the fear of personation or intimidation.

Two face kiosk murder charge

Two unemployed men were charged last night with the mur-der of Mr Alfie Cohen, aged 67, owner of the Hole in the Wall kiosk in Cannon Street Road, Stepney, London. Mr Cohen died after being attacked and robbed of a few pounds and carrons of cigarettes. His fortune of £111,000 was found later in the kiosk by detectives. Andrew Barbour, aged 22, and David McLean, aged 25, both of no fixed address, will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court to-

Bomb attack Weather forecast and recordings

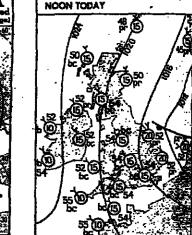


Today

7.15 am 12.36 am New moon: October 15. Lighting up : 6.49 pm to 6.47 am.

High water: London Bridge; 8:38 am, 5.9m (19.3ft): 9.30 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Avonmouth, 2.5 am 10.1m (33.0ft): 2.45 pm, 10.4m (34.0ft). Dover, 6.23 am, 5.5m (18.0ft): 7.14 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft). Hull, 12.24 am, 6.1m (19.9ft): 1.55 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Liverpool, 6.39 am, 7.0m (23.0ft): 7.12 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, NE, central S and N England, E Midlands: Showers, heavy at times; sunny intervals; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F). Moon rises : Moon sets : 3.41- pm E Anglia, E England : Showers,

heavy and possibly prolonged at times; bright intervals; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F). W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Mist or fog patches early, then sunny spells and scattered showers; wind N.

Outlook for tomorrow and Szurday: Sunny periods but showed in many E parts of England and Scotland; temp near normal in N and W but rather cold in E. Sea passages: S North Sea. Dover Strait: Wind NE, strong, perhaps gale force later; sarough or very rough.

English Channel (E): Wind ME fresh or strong; sea moderate of fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea:

Wind N, fresh, increasing to strong; sea moderate, become Yesterday

Will sex be out by 2000 A.D.?

Sex, alcohol and gambling may lose their appeal around the turn of the century—if self-stimulation of the brain's pleasure centres replaces these more traditional modes of human gratification.

This week New Scientist reports on the outcome of a recent study carried out by 50 experts into the future of psychology. Using the Delphi forecasting technique, which has proved extraordinarily effective in other fields, they predict an end to schools and examinations, the erasure of unpleasant memories, and the control of criminal tendencies.

Psychologists also see themselves playing a new role as an interface between the planners and the planned.

Also in this issue: Soviet change and the West... by Dr. Zhores Medvedev. The tale of 3 factories—Volvo's approach

to job satisfaction.

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Drug trafficking run by mini Mafia, counsel says

Drug trafficking at Southsea, Hampshire, where a dozen addicts have died from drug aducts have died from drug
abuse in the past two years, was
run by a "mini Mafia" as "evil
and wicked as the real Mafia".
Mr Ian Kennedy, for the prosecution, said at Winchester
Crown Court yesterday.
Six men, including three

alleged ringleaders of the gang, were accused of conspiring to were accused to conspiring to use and threaten violence to persons supplying and using drugs or those who had infor-mation about the ringleaders and conspiring to procure, possess and supply controlled

drugs. Mr Kennedy, told the jury: "You will hear wimesses speak of the mini Mafia. That was a name the leaders of this conname the leaders of this conspiracy selected for themselves.
Perhaps they did so to put a
joking gloss on it, but in one
sense it was not a bad description. Compared with the Mafia
these people were very small
beer indeed, but as evil and
wicked as the real Mafia."

He said Southsea had a high
number of bed sitting rooms
occupied by a "colony of
habitual drug misusers. You

of some dozen of his fellows who have died from overdoses in the past two years.'

Counsel said the drugs ranging from heroin to amphetamines, were obtained by the conspiracy group in many ways: forging stolen prescription pads, breaking into chemists' shops and illicit

He continued: "The habitual drug users were very vulner-able to stress. Threats alone, like 'remember what happened to so and so", were sufficient."

Christopher Wallis, aged 23, of Bradford Road, Michael Hayter, aged 26, of Middle Street, both Southsea; and Clifford Cunningham, aged 23, of Ferndown, Dorset, are charged with conspiracy to supply drugs and conspiracy to use and and conspiracy to use and threaten violence.

Michael David, aged 23, of Michael David, aged 23, of Cumberland Street, Colin Weaver, aged 30, of Caswell Road; and Douglas Costello, aged 24, of Granada Road, all Southsea, are accused of conspiring to supply drugs. All pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

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The Queen's visitors Hospital relief

More than 100.060 visitors explored the Queen's gardens and grounds at Sandringham during the summer season, the admission proceeds going to

A group of qualified nurses will be moved from hospital to hospital as an experiment because of staff shortages in the Enfield and Haringey health authority area, north London.

COUNTRY LIFE



Can the Country House Survive?

Sir Michael Culme-Seymour assesses John Cornforth's report "Country Houses in Britain—Can They Sur-vive?" and the exhibition The Destruction of the Country House" at the V & A. Europe's Last Big Cat

David Tomlinson and present-day distribution of the two species of lynx that survive in Europe.

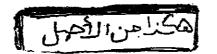
York Town Scheme

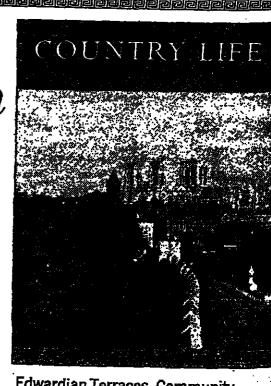
John Cornforth examines the York Town Scheme, one of the many restoration schemes now operating in historic towns in England and financed by the Historic Buildings Council, local auth-orities and private owners. **Edwardian Terraces Community** Brought to Life

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Allen Paterson describes how the eighteenthcentury gardens of Nuneham Park, Oxford, have been restored to much of their former

Elluned Lewis discusses the restoration and reproduction of

ike Russians may order American jet airliners powered by Rolls-Royce, Mr Benn says

possibility with the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister in Lon-don and with other Soviet ministers. The future of the RB211-524 engine was much more hopeful than some commentators had suggested.

"There is the possibility that the Russians may wish to buy an American wide-bodied iet, and the RB211-524 is the engine for that", he said. "If the Russians are going to buy an American airframe there is an American airframe there is If they bought either the a distinct possibility they will Lockheed or the Boeing they want it with a Rolls-Royce would have Rolls-Royce engine."

Prospects looked much better than could Russians were in no hurry be gathered from reading because any orders would be those people who made a live fitted into their five-year ng out of criticizing Britain, plans.

its high technology and Rolls-thought, would begin at the Royce, Mr Benn said. The end of this year. There is a serious possibility RB211-524 was the main work-that the Russians will order horse engine of the big jets United States jumbo jets pow-from now to the end of the from now to the end of the end of the century.

Mr Benn said afterwards that the Russians had put out tenders for wide-bodied jets. They had four choices: the European airbus, the Boeing 747, the Lockheed TriStar and the Douglas DC10. He felt that the Russians would not like to buy American engines as well as American aircraft and they had a high regard for Rolls-Royce engines.

engines and that would be a great boost for Britain. The five-year into The next he

Our Air Correspondent writes: ered by Rolls-Royce engines, century. Its applications in chase of wide-body airliners cluded the jumbo jets, which workers in Bristol yesterday.

We said he had discussed the contrary trom now to the end of the contrary to the large states for many months. They appear to transport aircraft also until the large states for many months. They appear to transport aircraft also until the large states for many months. They appear to transport aircraft also until the large states for many months. They appear to the large states for many months are also in-Boeing 747, but are also interested in the Lockheeed Tri-Star, which is powered by British Rolls-Royce RB211

> A TriStar from the now defunct Court Line was demon-strated to the Soviet authorities earlier this year in Mos-

engines.

If Russia bought jumbo jets, they could be fitted with the RB 211 engine under a proposal being worked on by both Rolls and Boeing. British government backing for such a project depends on airline orders in addition to one from British Airways, which has already said that it wants the 18 jumbos it is to buy to be powered by British rather than American engines.



lamb seen above is among the latest arrivals at the Butser Ancient Farm Project at Petersfield, Hampshire. It is the first autumn lamb in the history of the

flock.
Its birth this year may well be attributed to better conditions in southern England than in its native habitat on the St Kilda islands off north-west Scotland. The breed has survived there for two millennia, the only changes being the normal population fluctuations allied to food supply and the occasional fisherman seeking fresh meat.

From Our Correspondent

child should

screened for possible heart disease before leaving school,

Dr R. W. D. Turner, Reader in Medicine at Edinburgh Univer-sity, told the conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene in Harro-

Harrogate

"We are fortunate that they have survived, since they are the 'prehistoric sheep' that figured in the pastoral economy of Iron Age Britain", Mr Peter J. Reynolds, director of the Butser Project says. "Analysis of sheep bones from many excavations confirms that the skeleton of the present Soay sheep is the same as those recovered."

Whether the sheep were kept for meat or wool production is debatable. The

or wool production is debatable. The animal is quite small and would not provide much meat, but the wool is soft and much sought after today for making into garments. In north-west Scotland

thus preventing a vast amount of heart disease. the increasing rate of heart disease. the increasing rate of heart disease, Dr Turner said. When

sity, told the conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene in Harrogate yesterday.

He said the screening should include blood tests and blood pressures to be followed up by

of heart disease.

Of heart disease.

Dr Turner said. When symptoms first appeared, the symptoms first appeared, the discouraging disease was usually couraged." While he welcomed ary prevention second best. Only primary prevention could pressures to be followed up by

disease, Dr Turner said. When sists of walking to the car, symptoms first appeared, the discouraging disease was usually couraged." While he welcomed ary prevention second best. Only primary prevention could gates at 6 pm, when floodlights should be turned on

Heart screening urged for every child before leaving school

checks every five years. Such a higher salt content than their involve system would give doctors the own, or from giving them apparent chance to discuss matters with sugar at weaning. Both, he which the individual and give him said, played a part in the coromaking warnings against such things nary story.

using the two basic natural colours of

At the ancient farm research is going on into the significance of the Soay sheep within the economy of a small working farmstead. The areas of study involve careful domestication since as a breed they are now wild, concentration of head an acre, and wool and meat production.

Progress reports on the Butser project appear from time to time exclusively in The Times.

healthy

which would be as wise as

"In a sedentary society,

making regular visits to the

where most men's exercise consists of walking to the car, lack of exercise should be dis-

@ Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974.

In brief Students' rent

test case

A High Court judge is to be asked to decide whether Keele University is beaking the law by increasing students' rents. Members of the National Union of Students at Keele contend that increases for 468 students living in self-catering flats on the compus contravene the rent freeze.
Mr David Schell, president of
Keele Students' Union, said
they had decided to make it a
national test case. The university wants to raise the annual rent for the flats from £153 to £206.

Ban on Lord Marples

For driving with excess alco-hol in his blood and passing a hol in his blood and passing a red traffic light in King's Road, Chelsea, on June 9, Lord Marples, of Eccleston Street, Belgravia, was banned from driving for a year and fined a total of £45 with £7.69 costs at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Casualty ward shuts

The night casualty depart-ment at Huntingdon County Hospital is closing today be-cause of shortage of medical staff. Emergency cases will be taken to hospitals at Peter-borough or Cambridge.

Detective took bribe

Det Sergeant Charles Sydney Tyler, aged 45, of West Ham, London, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yester-day of accepting a £150 bribe. He was sentenced to two years'

Addressing the conference

on community services for the

area medical officer for Dud-

ley, said: "Drinking is a custom which is not only socially

acceptable but actively encouraged. It is the abstainer who is the odd man out."

He called for a restriction

on alcohol advertising, particularly on television, and for fur-

ther training for people who deal with alcoholics.

alcoholic, Dr Morton Revnolds,

Expert says trawler was probably damaged

herom Our Correspondent

The Hull trawler Gaul, 1,106 ons, might have survived her loss of stability, course direcion and the 45ft waves in vhich she foundered had she ot suffered structural damage, Department of Trade marine urveyor, said yesterday. He as speaking at the inquiry to the loss of the vessel.

The Gaul and her crew of 6 disappeared in a gale off forway in February. Mr fichael Scott, of Woodland Prive, Anlaby, Hull, the sureyor, said that in his opinion nere would have to be water i the factory space at the ioment the Gaul lost stability nd steerage when she was oised on the crest of a wave nd at the same time as another rave swept up the stern ramp

nd flooded the trawl deck with

.vo-and-a-half feet of water. The trawler would be subterged by the seas she experinced, he said. With water in the factory space she would two been less likely to come and shed the deck water efore another wave went over "She must have been ivoluntarily altering itended course," Mr So aid. "The crew would the Scott ttempting to correct the ourse, assuming that they could cep their feet in those condi-But if the vessel had emained intact I consider that he could possibly have surived. She may have suffered evere structural damage. rould not of itself cause the

Mr Alan Gilfillan, a consulint naval architect, told the burt, sirting for the twelfth ay, that the Gaul might have iffered structural damage, robably at wheelhouse levelwo other stern fishing trawlers the same area suffered image from waves at bridge

iss of the Gaul."

Mr Gilfillan said the Gaul did it necessarily sink for an ceptional or negligent reason. i his view she sank as a result a sequence of events. The ost likely contributory factors ere water on the trawl deck, ss of stability on a wave crest, id broaching. He thought the int about water in the factory ace had been over-empha-ed, but did not exclude it a factor contributing to the ip's loss.

Survey finds foreign cars more reliable

By Peter Waymark Motoring Correspondent

Owners of cars less than two years old have only one chance in three of getting through the year without serious trouble, according to a reliability survey published today by Which? the

consumer magazine. For a car three or four years old, the three or four years old, the chances are down to one in six. The survey, based on experiences of nearly 25,000 Which? subscribers with their cars during 1973, finds that four-fifths had a car that let them down and a journey or developed.

on a journey or developed serious faults or spent time off the road for repair apart from routine servicing.

Foreign cars tend to be more

reliable than British but often cost more to service and repair. The survey comments: "Quite a lot of makes have significantly good reliability and, sadly, nearly all of them are foreign. But it would be a grave mistake to suppose that all foreign brands are reliable."

Only a few makes combined good reliability with low repair good reliability with low repair costs. Volkswagen had a good record over all years and Renault for cars up to three years old. The Japanese Datsun and Toyota did well, although the samples were small and only of fairly new cars.

Other foreign cars with relia-

Peugeot, Saab and Volvo, and (bearing in mind the small sample) Honda and Mercedes. But all except Opel, Saab and Honda were expensive to service and repair.

Apart from the small Rolls-Royce sample, and Rover, which is rated "average", none of the British makes stood out as particularly reliable. Which? says that Austin-Morris, Ford and Hillman owners can get some consolation from the fact that their servicing and repair costs were generally no worse than average and sometimes

Of other British makes, Jaguar, MG, Triumph and Vaux-hall were found to be both unhall were found to be both un-reliable and expensive to ser-vice and repair. The small sample of Reliant and Lotus cars was "very unreliable" with "very high" repair costs. British Leyland, which makes Jaguar, Rover, Triumph, MG and Austin-Morris cars, said it did

not wish to argue with the Which? findings, but questioned the selectivity of the survey. Fewer than half of those invited to take part had done so, and satisfied customers were usually less vocal than those with com-

> Such surveys also tended to favour imported makes because car buyers were generally more critical of the domestic product. British Leyland cars sold abroad often enjoyed a high reputation for quality and reliability in foreign countries. But Leyland, like all manu-

facturers, was very concerned to improve matters, and that concern was reflected in the creation of a new post of director of product quality. Reliability should also be helped by the new Austin-Morris policy of concentrating on quality rather than comparing in volume with the competing in volume with the

big European manufacturers.
On the criticism of Jaguar,
Leyland said there had been difficulties with the 2.8 litre models but modifications had been made to put that right.

Other foreign cars with reliaweek and succession of labour
bility better than average were disputes, both in their own
Audi, BMW. Citroën. Opel, plants and among component suppliers, and that was bound to affect quality. Seat belt death: A simple move-

ment forward while wearing a seat belt was enough to cause fatal injuries to a woman passenger aged 82, it was stated at an inquest at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. She was a passenger in a car which was in a collision at Hanslope, on the M1, on Friday.

Dr Robert Sladden, a patholo-gist, said that Mrs Louisa Ann Eyles, of Kendall Road, Beckenham, Kent, died as a result of internal haemorrhage caused by a ruptured heart muscle. The

He told Mr Edward Ray, the North Buckinghamshire coroner, no one could say what would have happened if she bad not been wearing a seat belt. Mr Walter Eyles said his mother had a heart condition. The inquest was adjourned, Motoring, page 29

Explosion plot charge John Sylvester McCluskey,

aged 30, of Fulham Road, London, is to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, Middlesex, today charged with conspiring with others to cause explosions. ip's loss.

He faces seven charges concerning incendiary devices.

Man starts sentence Anthony Collingbourne, aged 40, maker of indecent films, of

Vicarage Road, Watford, Hert-fordshire, who failed to sur-render to bail during a trial at St Albans earlier this year, was taken to Wandsworth prison yesterday to start his five-year

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Scientist outlines plan to make natural as from coal with nuclear reactor

Pearce Wright nce Correspondent

re supplies as North Sea land-based deposits are pleted in a few years, was scribed at a meeting in Lon-1 yesterday of the inter-ional Committee for Coal search. The method uses it from a nuclear reactor in

I gasification, Results from first experiment on which sterm plans have been sed were given by Professor mer Parers D. mer Peters, Director, Steinhlenbergbauverein, of West many, outlining programmes Germany to develop better

ioitation of coal. le said the manufacture of ural gas from hard coal ed on heat from high tem-ature nuclear reactors had n tested successfully in the ratory. Larger demonstra-equipment was being built by the end of this decade, rototype plant with a 750 awatt process heat reactor ld be ordered.

be main present use for l was the production of e, Professor Peters said. refore the improvement of ventional plant and the elopment of a novel coking cess had research priority. rk on an experimental unit, improvements by cutting time taken to prepare fuel blast furnaces and by sub-itially reducing waste of rey and material.

earce Wright

The technique, a continuous process to make the coke, had process to manucature reached the stage of a large-stitute for natural gas, to of 300 tons.

An important British deve-lopment, the construction of might appear in coming years fluidized bed plant for a small as residential and commercial power station, was described by Dr J. Gibson, director, Coal Research Establishment, National Coal Board.

Coal with a high sulphur content could be used in that method of burning because of the improvement in the quality of the flue gases which of the flue gases which escaped to the atmosphere-Fluidized combustion under pressure was the most attractive way of burning coal cleanly and economically and taking advantage of the efficiency of new techniques for generating electricity.

range from small devices for industry to large ones for ower stations.

Fluidized bed development has become attractive in the United States. Reflecting new drive in America to obtain energy self-sufficiency, Mr W. McCurdy, Office of Coal Research, gave figures of a research and development programme to revive the use of coul that dwarfed the com-bined efforts of all the other countries attending the meet-

He said coal consumption by the electric utilities last year in the United States was 348 million tons. Growth rate for the first half of 1974 was 7 per energy users were forced from oil and gas to electricity. Lead time for new nuclear plants was 10 years or more.

That situation had created wide interest for fluidized bed combustion and a 30 megawatt unit was being installed at an operating power plant. A pres surized system of about same capacity was to be built soon and plans for a 200 megawatt demonstration plant were being completed. Oxfordshire tests: The National

Coal Board is about to start test drilling in the Oxfordshire Low-grade fuels, including coalfield to decide once and marerials other than coal, for all whether the vast could be burnt successfully in reserve is worth working (our fluidized units. Furnaces could Oxford correspondent writes). The field stretches across north Oxfordshire, from Ban-bury and Bicester through Steeple Aston and Chipping Norton to Witney, and is believed to contain 10,000 mil-

hon tonnes of low-grade power-station coal, a far bigger reserve than the Selby field in Yorkshire, which is advanced stage of exploration. The coal board said that because of the oil crisis it had to start a crash programme of exploration across the country to establish the reserves it has.

GENERAL ELECTION.

The moment of truth has arrived, Mr Heath asserts

Mr Heath made a final appeal yesterday to the "don't knows". He presented a choice between dull, bleak, flat and soulless society" and a means to survive and eventually to prosper

by backing the Conservatives. The moment of truth, he told a packed hall at Gravesend, Kent, had come for politicians and voters alike.

and voters alike.

There were two Labour parties, he said. One would be more than likely prepared to join hands with political opponents in the national interest if they were free to do so. However, they dare not do it because it would split the Labour. Party wide onen Labour Party wide open between the Social Democrats and the dominant left wing.

Without mentioning Neville Chamberlain by name Mr Heath

compared the words of Mr Wilson that the British people wanted "a little peace and quiet" with the phrase of 1938. offering "peace in our time". The latter, he said, had been followed within 12 months by

the terrible reckoning.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Heath and Mr Wilson agreed yesterday that the question of extending or reduc-ing the period of election campaigns should be referred to a Speaker's Conference.

He did not believe that the British people would tomorrow run away from reality again if they knew that the nation was more ready to come together to face immense dangers. gether to face immense dangers. However, he turned to the possibility of an appalling mischance, such as people wasting their votes by voting Liberal and thus returning a Labour government. What would that mean for the future? It would mean a Britain poor, socialist,

Speaking later in his constituency at Bexley, Sidcup, Mr Heath said that now was the time when voters should put country before party. The only way to do that was to vote Con-

Liberal Party he could accept, Mr Heath said Mr Thorpe had stated that none of the aims would be made conditions of working with another party after the election. Mr Thorpe was right. The Conservatives had laid down no conditions and it was not for other leaders to do

At the end of the meeting the audience sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

This method This is the customary method of dealing with changes in the electoral law, and any change in the Representation of the People Act which the conference might recommend would come before the Commons for endorsement, on a free yote.

Unlike Mr Wilson, who thought it might be a good idea to reduce the electioneering period to two weeks, Mr Heath, speaking at his last election press conference in London, said there might be a

good case for extending it to five or six weeks.

If it were a longer period, said Mr Heath, it was argued that there would be more balance in the reporting and discussion of the issues,

Mr Wilson and Mr Heath

in agreement on one point: in a sense the election campaign had been going on for seven months since the inconclusive result of the last

But Mr Wilson thought there might be a case for still fur-ther shortening the election period.
"In this election I think

most people have made up their minds quite early", he said. "There are problems about it, in that Mr Heath himself in February—and I did not criticize bim for it departed from my previous practice of giving 31 days' notice of the election. I more or less followed his February precedent by having 22 days; he had 21 days."

Lord Avebury, one of the leading organizates in the

organizers in Answering a question on how Liberal Party, thought three many of the main aims of the weeks was about right.

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| Poll | С | Lab | L | Date Fieldwork | Size of Sample | | C lead over- estimated by | | |
| Gallup | 36.0 | 41.5 | 19.0 | Oct 7-8 | 779 | 0.6 | 1.2 | | |
| Marpian | 33.3 | 43.0 | 19.5 | Oct 8 | 1,024 | 3.7 | 1,2 | | |
| Louis Harris | 33.5 | 43.5 | 20 | Oct 5-6 | 2,023 | 2.1 | 4.2 | | |
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'No matter which party or parties form the government after today's voting, a corporatist system will be introduced in Britain by 1980. This will complete a new structure which both Labour and Tory governments have been building pragmatically'

R. E. Pahl and J. T. Winkler on the coming corporatism

'There are groups who embrace "evil," whose centre point is Satan laced with sex; and there are groups who regard themselves as inheritors of an innocuous, pre-Christian fertility re-

Christina Larner on contemporary witchcraft

'Suburban intellectuals, whose only claim to violence rests on a somewhat vigorous spraying of summer greenfly, earnestly assure themselves that there is no love without hate'

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How the nation voted in February

| M.P. No. of | | | | - Party Votes, | Percentages, | Members and | Candidates - | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Candidates In brackets | Electorate | Total votes & Turnout | Con . | Lab | Шъ | Comm | Plaid C Scot N | Others |
| ENGLAND 516 (1,674) | 33,063,699 | 26,135,154 79.0% | 10,505,470 40.2% 268* (516) | 9,835,537 37.6% 237 (516) | 5,578,948 21,3% 9 (452) | 13,379 — (23) | = | 201.820 0.8% 2 (167 incl 54 Nat Front) |
| SCOTLAND 71 (265) | 3,653,990 | 2,886,653 78.0% | 950,901 32.9% 21 (71) | 1,058.159 36.6% 40 (71) | 229,099 7.9% 3 {34} | 15,069 0.5% (15) | 632,032 21.9% 7 (70) | 1,393 |
| WALES 36 (148) | 1,992,742 | 1,593,833 80.0% | 412,535 25.9% 8 (36) | 745,547 48.8% 24 (38) | 255,423 16.0% 2 (31) | 4,293 0.3% (6) | 171,364 10.7% 2 (36) | 4,671 0.3% (3) |
| N IRELAND 12 (48) | 1,041,886 | 717,586 68.9% | 94,301 13.1% ———————————————————————————————————— | 15,483 2.1% (4) | <u> </u> | —————————————————————————————————————— | - | 607,802 84.7% 12 (37) |
| U KINGDOM 635 (2,135) | 39,752,317 | 31,333,226 78.8% | 11,963,207 38.2% 297* (630) | 11,654,726 37,2% 301 (627) | 6,063,470 19.3% 14 (517) | 32,741 0.1% — (44) | 803,396 2.6% 9 (106) | 815,686 2.6% 14 (211) |

including The Speaker. Votes shown as Conservative in Northern Ireland relate to Unionist candidates who supported the Sunningdale

Council role for Liverpool MPs

From John Chartres Liverpool

"You won't find anyone in this yard opposed to nationaliration," the shop steward said at Cammell Laird's. "The Gov-ernment owns half of it anyway and we would all have been out of jobs if they hadn't bailed us

out years ago."

"Don't you think your party's too soft with the workers? You let them get away with murder," a housewife, aged 60, living in the shadow of Everton football ground challenged Mr Eric Heffer, Labour candidate for the Walton division and Minister of State for Industry

Minister of State for Industry. "Can you get something done about our telly recep-tion?" another woman in the same street asked. "That new stand on the football ground just blocks us all out and all we get is coloured snowstorms." "Don't you think you should hang the IRA bombers?" asked the anxious father of a 20-yearold who has just left his council home to enlist in the Guards.

of such is the stuff of Liverpool politics. Mr Heffer, the
best-known national figure
among the city's eight former
MPs (seven of them Labour) is
finding that 90 per cent of the questions he is asked are on such subjects as leaking roofs, rents, and housing allocations, and are really more relevant to city councillors.

Most other candidates find the same trend although the first three questions at a forum organized in the marginal

Prime Minister

health rumours

At his London press confer-

rumours about his

ence yesterday Mr Wilson dis-

have had three strokes, two

heart attacks, and I am suffer-ing from leukaemia and I am going blind, he said. I don't know who puts these silly stories out. I did strain my

knee last November and I thought I was suffering from housemaid's knee. My knee is

Early voting: Mr Wilson and Mr Heath will vote in the same Westminster constituency today

but at different polling stations. Later they will leave for their

scoffs at

now better

Garston constituency by Radio Mersevside were on the economic state of the nation, nationalization and the disillusionment and boredom of the elec-

However low-key the election may appear, the 400,000 voters of Liverpool have made and or Liverpool have made and broken many a government. It was recognition of the understandable preoccupation with a multitude of local and personal problems which probably launched the Liberal Party into prominence and power or the

city council last year.

Brimful of confidence and describing the city as the bright jewel in the crown of the Liberal successes of 1972 and 1973, the party's performance was disappointing in February with one candidate coming in second place and Mr. Cyril Carr, a former chairman of the party, and Mr Trevor Jones, a former president, taking third place in their constituencies.

Liverpool in February was how well the Liberals would do; this time it was how badly they

That is a little unkind. The Liberal organization has done much heart-searching, including an open controversy between Mr Jones and Mr Carr. In the best Merseyside political traditions that was quickly healed and was regarded as a healthy piece of

Economies in oil consump-tion were presented as impera-

tive by Mr Heath when he closed his campaign at the Con-servative Central Office yester-

day.

After saying that we must

he added that there must be economies in oil consumption if

people today were not to go

down in history as the genera-tion who saddled their children

The choice for the people was between unfair and involuntary

sacrifices and fair sacrifices

accepted in advance and shared

by a united people, led by a government of national unity that Conservatives wished to

with the burden.

By Our Political Staff

February was the first time the Liberals had fought all the Liverpool seats for 50 years and many of the leaders now privately admit they were probably tactically wrong in expecting their community politics line to succeed in a parliamen-

tary contest.

Neither Mr Carr nor Mr
Jones is standing here this time, the former being under medical orders to rest and the latter fighting Gillingham in Kent. The Liberals' performances will be critical in at least two prominence and power on the seats; Liverpool, Garston, which fell from a safe Conservative majority of 7,000 in 1970 to a left-wing socialist with a

Liverpool, Edge Hill, where Mr David Alton, aged 24, came as near as it would be possible to perturbing that elder statesman, Sir Arthur Irvine, by taking second place for the Liberals with nearly 27 per cent of the

A senior and cynical member of the city's press club said that the main political interest in Liverpool in February and the city's press club said that the main political interest in varive hands in February and the city's press club said that the main political interest in varive hands in February and the city's pressure that the city's pressu varive hands in February, has to be watched too, with Mr Tony Limont, aged 32, a barrister and active member of both the city and county councils, having taken on the Liberal mantle from Mr Carr.

possible for industry in parti-

was going to be much greater than Mr Healey said on Budget

day, one had to approach refla-

into industry and into agricul-

ture if there were not to be heavier unemployment and

Labour goes to 4-1 on as bets rise to £1.5m

General election betting is likely to top the £1.5m mark, if the expected last minute rush of cash materializes today. The big three bookmakers cut Labour's odds on victory last Ladbrokes, who took £140,000 yesterday, are already topping £500,000. Bets have come in from 14 countries, including one

from Australia of £10,000 to win and £8,000 on no overall majority.
Joe Coral report takings of £300,000, and they expect to close their book with a total of about £500,000.

about £500,000.

But a disappointed William Hill, who have taken about £300,000 so far, said: "At this stage in February it was more like £700,000. Put it down to general helt-lightening." general belt-tightening." Bets last night—Tories: 3-1 or 11-4; Liberals: 50-1 or 60-1; no overall majority: 5-4.

Holidaymakers' 'vote' Some 850 holidaymakers unable to vote in the election have

Mr Carr, in spite of coming third, polled nearly 26 per cent of the vote.

Unless the Liberals' high degree of confidence is justified, the city seems likely to follow trends in other industrial

Tories support curbs on use of oil

cular to bring about considerable savings of oil and fuel lems, that were shaking the
Asked whether any government he led would reflate, Mr
Heath replied that first they
would need to see the facts and no place for panic or despair. figures—the Budget forecast for Those who seek to engender the year. If the Budget deficit such unreasoning response to such unreasoning response to the challenge are doing the British people a disservice. tion with the greatest caution.
But cash had to be got back

the British people in a collec-

For two years at least the dangers would remain formidable, but he believed the modest progress the British people and Government had achieved together over the past seven months gave grounds for sober confidence.

Mr Wilson commented that

more bankruptcies. To assume unemployment and reflate auto-matically would lead to even we have a couple of years of pretty grim uphill work a ead of us", but that was not the same as talking about more inflation.
At the Labour campaign conference, Mr Healey said that form.

Mr Heath said he was not talking about rationing. It was about catastrophe.

Liberals are ready to rule, Mr Thorpe says

marnstaple otherwise. There is everything to lose by staking our future on a programme of mass nationalization.

Maintaining his campaign distribution for the closure political cian for the closing stages of his campaign, rejecting the possibility of a televised eve-ofpoll speech in favour of a hand-ful of rallies in scattered parts of Devon.

of Devon.

During his final address, Mr
Thorpe maintained firmly that
the Liberal Party had earned its
chance to govern. "Our years
of constructive opposition have
prepared us for office", he said.

While other parties have concentrated on the politics of confrontation, each seeking to undermine the credibility of the other, only the Liberal Party has taken a step back from the daily slanging match to take a long, hard look at the state of nation."

Looking fit and buoyant in spite of the rigours of his helicopter tours, Mr Thorpe argued that Liberal policies had been developed over a period of time, not bastily produced overwish, as a result of market

olicies a chance. he said at a rally of the faithful at the village of South Molton. Tories in 1959. That is the reason some Liberal organizers by a return to the much tried and failed policies of Conservatives—with a human face or crucial 48 hours before polling.

Benn: we will not suffer the abrasiveness of Mr Heath and we will no longer be bemused into indecision by the contor-

tions of Mr Wilson." Earlier, during a day which included such traditional preelection pursuits as hugging babies and even imitating chickens. Mr Thorpe refused to the last to admit publicly whether he would be prepared to join a government headed by Mr_Heath.

The nearest he came to saying no was when asked whether he thought Mr Heath capable of heading such a government. "I must confess that I would have thought it was unlikely to be acceptable to the Labour Party", he replied. "And while I do not wish to indulge in perhelicopter tours, Mr Thorpe argued that Liberal policies had been developed over a period of time, not hastily produced overinght as a result of market research, or concocted from the propaganda of dogmatic socialism.

"It is now time to give these policies a chance". he said at a

Scottish polls vary, but SNP counts its gains

From Ronald Faux Ediaburgh

As the campaigning ends and the voting begins, the most com-pelling question of the general election in Scotland remains now strongly the Scottish National Party will be represented in the next Parliament

next Parliament.

Two opinion polls published by the Glasgow Herald give the nationalists phenomenally increased support. In the north of Scotland, the poll by System Three, Scotland, gives the party 43 per cent, with the Tories second with 24 per cent. In the east, the nationalists are placed with 37 per cent. The Labour Party has 29 per cent and the Tories 23 per cent. Both polls show a sharp drop in Conpolls show a sharp drop in Con-

servative support Mr William Wolfe, chairman of the SNP, cautiously admitted yesterday that the polls sup-ported their own findings. He told a press conference in Edin-burgh that if the forecast by the party's president, of one million SNP votes, came true this would represent 37 per cent of the Scottish poll, making the SNP statistically the largest party with 31 seats.

"If we get a mandate from the people of Scotland we will based on inter put forward a Bill and obtain by last weekend.

Note: * indicates less than 0.5%.

constitutional means for Scotland," ORC reservations: The Labour Party enters the final hours of the election campaign in Scot-land with a commanding 19.5 per cent lead over the Conser-

vatives. Support for the SNP appears to have faltered in the past week, after showing signs of reaching a breakthrough point in the middle of the campaign. The Labour Party has increased its share of support among com-mitted voters by 4.5 per cent would seem, as a result of a change of heart among some SNP and Liberal supporters.

These are two of the major findings to the final election survey of Scotland carried out by Opinion Research Centre, and shown in the table below ORC estimates that there is less than one chance in a hundred that a Labour lead of 19.5 per cent in a survey of this size does not reflect a real Labour lead among the elec-torate as a whole, but ORC says that these figures should not be treated as a forecast of the out come of the election. They are based on interviews carried out

| | February Election | Sept 19-22 | Sept 26-29 | Now | G8 now |
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| C . | 32.9 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 33 |
| Lab | 36.7 | 41 | 22 38 | 42.5 | 43 |
| ŗ | 7.9 | 12 | 11 | 9.5 | 20 |
| SNP | 21.9 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 3 |
| Others | 0.6 | • | 1 | | ž |
| Lab lead over C Voting intention | 3.7 | 17 | 16 | 19.5 | 10 |
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Campaign produced few surprises

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different country. On Wednesday, he said, there was proof that living standards were falling fast, that investment in future jobs was falling, and that bankruptcies were at a record. Now there was proof that even the most efficient firms, like Marks & Spencer, had been driven to cut back investment and to look to the future with despondency "as a direct result of Labour's mismanagement and interference". management and interference ". The retail trade said that prices were rising at around 20 per cent a year or more.

"Britain", declared Mr Heath, "faces a difficult and dangerous war against inflation dangerous war against inflation and unemployment, with no certainty of winning it unless we take the right decisions in time. If Britain got a Labour Government for five years "we will not see a Britain united to deal with this situation"; there would be extreme left measures which we have forced them "which we have forced them to keep under wraps while they were a minority Government".

Mr Heath mentioned nationalization of great firms with bousehold names; concessions on picketing "which will undermine the law and the police"; concessions to the big unions that went far beyond negotiation and conciliation and became appeasement.

Throughout the campaign, Mr Wilson retorted in his last words flung across Smith Square towards Conservative Central Office, the Conservatives "have not put forward a single constructive proposal to deal with a crisis which was apparent to all last year well before the increase in oil prices worsened it —except to televise NEDC (National Economic Develop-ment Council) and to hold ralks about talks about talks about a

The British people would not

be panicked, he said, by the Conservatives. The Labour Government had the men and

the measures to get Britain out

of the crisis, and their message to the people was: "Don't let

The tactics at Labour and

them talk you out of it."

taking a last chance to hammer home that the gathering crisis is of a magnitude that only a government of national unity, or a coalition government, could be trusted to handle. Mr Wilson and Mr Healey had, so far as the or handle to the could be trusted to handle to the could be trusted to handle to the could be trusted to handle the could be trusted to handle the could be trusted to have the could be trusted to the c they felt able, to diminish the scale of the crisis or otherwise expose themselves to questions about their stewardship in the past seven months.

And Mr Thorpe made his predictable contribution to the events of the second of t

of-poll argument: he called again for the break-up of the two-party system and the politics of division. "The electorate", he said, "no longer takes it for granted that the two-party system will last for ever. There is no God-given right for the Consetvative and Labour parties to rule this country in perpetuity." Six million made that assertion in February; today, at the polls, millions more stood on the brink of joining them.

So ends the campaign, much where it began. All the main party leaders agree that it has been a quiet, thoughtful, and serious campaign; and they may be right, although when they have said that in the past they have meant that the electors are It has been a campaign that

failed to produce any surprises, dramas, or even the dirty tricks that Mr Wilson once feared. Unlike all recent elec-tions, it failed to dominate the headlines and create excite-Even such uncovenanted events as Mrs Williams's threat to leave active politics if the EEC ballot goes against ber judgment. Lord Chalfont's resignation from the Labour

Party, and the synchronization with the campaign of the Ford strike made no lasting impact on the argument.
As Mr Wilson remarked yesterday, in a real sense the election campaign ran for seven months. After February's effectual tie, there had to be a replay, and electoral interest could not for so long a period be sustained at a high pitch. Mr Heath even suggested yester-

Conservative headquarters were day that some of the electorate fairly obvious. Mr Heath was resent the interference of politics with their favourite tele-vision programmes. (By con-trast, Mr Wilson thought television politics a branch of light entertainment, serious interviewers involved.) After seven months of cam

paigning, there is a paradox. All the portents of the poils suggest that Labour must win comfortably, but Labour's party managers do not brim with overwhelming confidence They are uncertain, as their Conservative counterparts are about the level of polling, about the risks of complacency among their supporters, and about an unusually large number of voters who say they still have not decided.

In spite of Labour's overwhelming lead in the opinion polls, there is a widespread sense that there may be another close-run result.

The opinion poll forecasts of Labour's lead on the last lap may themselves become an important factor today by encouraging Conservative and Labour supporters to work tentically and conservative and Labour supporters to work tentically and conservative and tentically and conservative and Labour supporters to work tentically and tentically supporters to vote tactically to keep out the least desired can-didate.

The election will almost certainly prove decisive for the future of Mr Wilson and Mr Heath as leaders of their parties. Should Mr Heath win, if only by a margin sufficient to enable him to form a coalition government on a five-year lease, Mr Wilson could scarcely ex-pect to be wearing the mantle of leadership still in his mid-60s, even though Labour leaders are hard to unseat. On the Conservative side

discussion about who might succeed Mr Heath in the after-math of a defeat. It cannot be said that, after deaths, resignations, and the wear and tear of office, the Conservative frontbench is rich in crown princes. But Mr William Whitelaw, who now as party chairman ex-tends his influence beyond Westminster to the Conservative rank-and-file, has been embar-rassed more than once during the campaign by questions whether he could be drafted.

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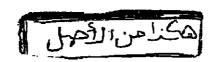
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Conservative pledges

A Conservative government

would pay a Christmas bonus to all eight million pensioners,

10 for a single pensioner and

£20 for a married couple, he

said. It would increase retire-

ment pensions and other long-

term benefits every six months.

The next increase would come

at the latest by next February.

varives would ensure that the 1,800,000 million self-employed

people did not have to pay the

"huge unfair increases" in con-tributions—as much as £3 extra a week—that Labour would

impose.
"The self-employed include a

very wide range of people who have the initiative to run their own businesses. Many of them

are small shopkeepers. They should be encouraged by Government policy, not penalized. Sir Geoffrey said a Conservative government would implement the state of th

ment in full the recommenda-tions of the Halsbury Committee

for the pay of nurses and related

medical professions. It would set up an independent inquiry

to make urgent recommenda-

tions for improving the Whitley machinery, which determined pay and conditions for many of those working in the health

In addition, the Conservatives

would start their second pension scheme to help future genera-

tions of pensioners not later than April, 1976, and would introduce the tax credit scheme.

This would go a long way to-

wards ending means tests alto-

gether. It would mean much

more effective help for pen-sioners and poorer families. The

earnings rule for pensioners

would be abolished.

service.

Sir Geoffrey said the Conser-

Philip Howard

GENERAL ELECTION.

dy to Mr Jenkins emphasizes necessity Says for Labour supporters to vote despite victory forecasts by polls

The Labour Party needed to make a great effort to get its full vote out, Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said at a press conference in Birmingham : yesterday.

"I do not quite believe this morning's opinion polls", he said. "It is not going to be quite as easy or as decisive as that. I think frankly, there are going to be difficulties about getting a turnout . . . as big as in February."

The alternative to a Labour victory was Mr Heath getting in with a curious combination of people with policies as yet

Mr Jenkins said Mr Heath's idea for a national coalition government had not gone well. He had done it in "too political

a way". Mr Jenkins agreed that there was a widespread underlying desire for the nation to pull together, but this was something different from just putting together a coalition at the top.
That was unconvincing and clearly a device to keep the Tory party in power.

People were more interested were in policies than coalitions. "I think Mr Heath has done it the wrong way round", Mr Jenkins

Asked if he ever envisaged the possibility in the future of leading a party of the centre, he replied that he had made his position quite clear. He was fighting for a Labour victory at Birmingham, Stechford and for

a victory for the Labour Party in the country. On Labour's inflation policy, asked if he ruled out the pos-bility of import controls, Mr Jenkins replied that import conrols increased the possibility of etaliation and a down-turn in world trade. But he added: You can never totally rule out mport controls."
Wrs Thatcher, shadow spokes-



Mrs Thatcher at yesterday's Conservative press conference reiterating the party's promise to reduce interest on home mortgages to 91 per cent by Christmas.

man on housing and the ening and rates when she spoke at the party press conference yesterday morning (Geoffrey Smith writes). They are:

1. To reduce the maximum mortgage interest rate to 94 per cent by Christmas. This will not affect rate of interest paid to depositors. Those who have very large loans will only get the benefit of the 91 per cent ceiling on the first £25,000. 2. To help first-time home

vironment, repeated the five 3. To give council tenants of at Conservative pledges on hous-least three years' standing the legal right to buy their house or flat at two-thirds of the market price.

4. To give immediate help to all ratepayers by transferring the cost of teachers' salaries and more of the cost of the police and fire services from the rates to the Exchequer as from next April.

5. To abolish the system of household rates altogether over the normal four to five-year buyers save for the deposit with period of a Parliament and a £1 grant for every £2 saved replace it by a more broadly regularly, up to a maximum of based system of taxes.

Tory pledge Election notebook

Radio and television have largely replaced the hustings in providing a plat-form on which the British public can argue face-to-face with their politicians. Audiences at public meetings tend increasingly to be screened, and the more argumentative of them tend to be cut off from their immediate action on the social argument after their first question. On services were set out yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Opposition spokesman covering the

Radio 4's admirable Election Call one yoter has already told Mr Cyril Smith to go and get stuffed—a suggestion of Gar-gantuan fantasy—and Robin Day does his best, unlike the chairmen of public meetings, to stop the politicians evading the question and answering one they would prefer to have been asked.

The programmes have attracted an average of more than 400 calls at this election, with many more queueing to get through to the 16 direct lines to the studio. Advance notice is taken of the proposed questions, and the producer prepares a short list of the best, most topical, most relevant, most amusing and least nutty. The questioners are then rung back and the argument goes out live, with Robin Day acting as the only safety net against

outrage and obscenity.

Mr Bernard Tate, the executive pro-

Now the waves are helping to rule Britannia ducer who picks the final short list of questions, says: "The strength of the pro-gramme is that the general public ask the questions they want answered far more directly and persistently than professional journalists would dare to." When Mr Callaghan turned a question back on his caller yesterday, the caller said sharply: "It is my Election Call to you,

not yours to me. ■ Granada Television has broken new ground by proving that, contrary to the misapprehensions of the party managers, it is possible to televise a large political debate without it's degenerating into an

unprogrious bare-prejudice garden.
Its programme Granada 500 started in February by scientifically selecting a cross-section of about 500 voters in Preston, a notorious thermometer seat tending with monotonous regularity to the party that wins the election. These were exposed to all the election propaganda by radio, television and newspaper to see what effect it had on them. They were also made to attend a daily debate lasting over an hour with such non-political experts as economists and builders in Preston Guild-

Nobody died of boredom. It was such a notable success and contribution to the political process that the programme secured a great coup by getting the three party leaders to appear separately at this election, with time allocated in a ratio of 5 : 5 : 4 to Labour, Conservatives and Liberals. However, the party leaders drew the line at all arranging to be in Preston on the same evening, so the magnificent 500 had to be brought to London in a special train. And the voters of Preston, understandably reluctant to suffer such a protracted ordeal for nothing, now have to be paid a fee of £3 an appearance, with the possibility of negotiating more open to those in particularly wellpaid work.

Discord in Tannochbrae: Dr Cameron (Andrew Cruickshank) is campaigning for the Scottish nationalists in Kinross and West Perthshire. Bill Simpson (Dr Finlay of the Casebook) has done a party political broadcast in Scotland for the Tories. The Conseravrive headquarters' switchboard was jammed for hours afterwards by callers saying that it was the best party political broadcast they had heard.

Shadow minister who has grown in stature through airing parents' woes

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, who has been largely responsible for bringing education out as an election issue, has grown in political stature since taking over the shadow portfolio of education last summer. If the Conservatives win, it will be in no small part due to his elo-quent advocacy of Tory policy throughout the campaign.

But what has been good for the man and for his party has also been a mixed blessing for education. The three main tenets of his educational policy are: the preservation of good grammar and direct grant schools; a charter of parents' rights; and the raising of educational standards.

He is also campaigning for a flexible school-leaving age, a better deal for universities, the non-dissolution of the colleges of education, better-paid teachers, more nursery schools better-paid higher grants for married women students and reduced contributions from parents on student grants.

His manifesto has all the strengths of an opportunist document devised swiftly and skilfully in the run-up to an election; it airs the profound grievances held by many sec-tions of the educational com-

But it has the weakness of promising much in advance and of having an air of salvation for schools vested in St John-

The salvation for schools lies

in a speedy decision to bury the

more than 10 years to the ex-clusion of almost everything

Mr St John-Stevas: raised

education as an election issue.

over

grammar

controversy

schools and comprehensives. It has bedevilled education for else and to the detriment of the whole. It does not need research from America or from an international team of edu-cationists to prove that the appointment of good teachers, particularly good headteachers, and allowing them more freedom to carry out their reforms

is far more important for edu-cation than the title of the school. But, first Mrs Margaret Thatcher, then Mr St John-Stevas, have sought to impede progress towards a comprehensive system. His programme for raising

standards by enlarging the inspectorate is considered more dangerous. It smacks of imposing standards from above. The strength of the British educa-tion system has been the independence of the curriculum and a large part of the running of schools from central control. The "Blessed Margaret", as The "Blessed Margaret", as Mr St John-Stevas fondly refers to Mrs Thatcher, refrained very smartly from interfering in matters which were the concern of local education authorities.

But should the Conservatives win, her proposals for paying teacher's salaries from central government funds, instead of from the rates, will be com-bined with Mr St John-Stevas's for a central diktat from the inspectorate on what is taught in schools. Both threaten to change our existing education service beyond recognition.

Those who advocate more central control point to the gravity of the education crisis; the growth of indiscipline, violence and truancy; and the statutory duty of the Secretary of State to look after the wel-fare of the service contained in

the 1944 Education Act.
These serious difficulties stem from a lack of money and the general nature of society. With or without money no pre-vious minister of education has been able to change society.

Mr Powell ends his campaign with pipe tunes From Christopher Warman

Banbridge, co Down Mr Enoch Powell ended his ninth election campaign yesterday, attempting this time to return to the House of Commons, from which he exiled himself last February, with a final day of canvassing and a rally in the heart of his constituency of Down, South.

During the last fortnight he has covered more than 3,000 miles by car in the constituency and has addressed 25 public meetings in the 1,000 square miles of Down, South, which stretch from near Belfast in the north almost to the border

with the Irish Republic. The climax came last night with a rally in Banbridge pre-ceeded by a traditional march through the town. The procession was led by several pipe and flute bands, with such evocative names as The Banbridge Young Defenders and the Geoghan Memorial Pipe Band, at this unusual ceremony for Mr Powell's political career. and his wife, Pamela, rode in anticipatory triumph through

the town on the back of a lorry. Mr Powell will spend today visiting polling stations in 67 different locations. The latest indications are that in spite of a certain amount of cavilling in certain quarters at the insrusion of an outsider, and parricular Powellian utterances on the need to vote Labour, the voters will turn out in force for

State of the

parties The Speaker Labour Conservative Liberal
Ulster Unionists
Scottish nationalists
Welsh nationalists
Social Democratic

Labour (Mr G. Fitt)
Democratic Labour (Mr Dick Taverne, QC)
Ind Labour (Mr E. Milne)
Vacant (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, and Swansea, East, both formerly held by Labour)

635 Total

Liberal burglary is not a Watergate

By Stewart Tendler of the election were raised yesterday when police were called to the Liberal Party headquarters in London to investi-

gate a burglary.

However, the raiders who ransacked 10 offices in the headquarters, off the Strand, seem to have garnered few secrets. Indeed party officials said they did not think there were any left at this stage of the campaign for anybody to

A preliminary investigation of men's shoes. A safe was Hopes of a potential Water-gate to spice the last minutes by detectives and staff revealed eate to spice the last minutes very discriminatory criminals. After making their entrance via a fire escape and a window, they took some aspirins, a woman's make-up kit and a weekend bag. They left un-touched a pound note on a desk but took a 10p piece. A port-able television set and office equipment went untouched but the burglars could not resist

a nip of whisky. One climbed on a desk to examine files and his footprints were discovered. So were a pair inconvenience."

opened with keys which had been left in the offices, but then the burglars found keys would not work on a second safe which they left unopened.

The police, while treating the burglary seriously, dismissed any connotations of political chicanery. After all, two other had been entered

Mr John Holmes, the party's chief agent, said: "There seems to be little damage apart from

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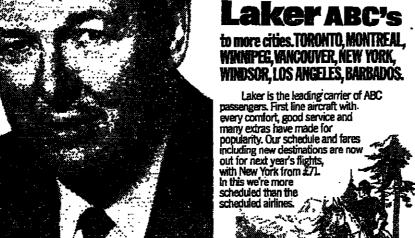
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WEST EUROPE.

Private lives of many West Germans kept on secret service files

Bonn today. Bonn today.

In evidence given to the special committee investigating the espionage scandal which led Herr Brandt to resign as Chancellor in May, Professor Horst Ehmke, Minister in the Chancellery, and thus responsible for intelligence, until 1972, read out a list of names on which he said files had been kept.

The federal intelligence service is officially and explicitly restricted in its operations to the gathering of information abroad and has no such duties within West Germany.

Professor Ehmke said he had been told in December, 1969, not long after he became Chancellery Minister, that the files existed. His informant was former Lieutenant General Gerhard Wessel, head of federal intelligence in succession to the famous General Reinhard Gehlen, who retired in 1967

On hearing of this, he had ordered Herr Wessel to put the dossiers "in the oven or the paper-shredder". The files had contained "all possible" information on the people covered, including a "jolly jumble" of details.

Among the names he mentioned as having been included in the extra-curricular internal files of the secret service were Herr Heinrich Lübke (former federal President), Herr Brandt, Dr Kurt-Georg Kies-inger and Dr Ludwig Erhard (all former Chancellors).

all political parties, including the relevant time.

Brussels, Oct 9
President Ford's special trade

representative, Mr William Eberle, today began a tour designed to allay European fears that the President's latest economic proposals could jeopardize European exports and jebs and lead to controls

and jobs, and lead to controls on vital United States agricul-tural exports like cereals and

soya beans.
In a busy day before going on to Paris, Mr Eberle assured

members of the European Com-mission, Mr Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, and representatives of Denmark,

Ireland, Holland and Luxem-

bourg that last night's package of proposals was "neutral to positive", and not deflationary.

Mr Eberle told a press con-erence that the President's

proposals were designed to pro-

mote policies of the open market, as opposed to beggar-

my-neighbour policies. This was

a direction in which the United States could give leadership, he

Mr Eberle's overall message was that President Ford had

been internationally minded, and had been careful to avoid selfish anti-inflationary mea-

sures, which Herr Schmidt and Mr Healey among others had

(£10,900) damages from the state in compensation for her

husband's death.
The release of the patient,

named as Thomas Ferrandini, had been approved routinely

But the court ruled that the state bore no responsibility for

the murder committed by M Ferrandini and laid the blame

on the hospital, one of whose doctors had recommended his

Hospital blamed | W Germany can

by former patient
Grenoble, Oct 9.—A French
court today held a psychiatric
hospital responsible for a murder committed by one of its
former patients 45 days after
he was discharged as cured.
The widow of a Marseilles
hotel owner murdered by the
former patient in February,
1970, had claimed 120,000 francs
(£10,900) damages from the

for murder done | join European

From Roger Berthoud

President Ford's economic

plan explained to EEC

lists as agents in what he called a "campaign" against the Social Democrats and the ruling coalition which included

them and the Free Democrats. The Secret Service ha The Secret Service had defied repeated orders from the Chancellery to refrain from espionage within the country's borders. Two years after he had ordered the destruction of the secret dossiers, it had been discovered that the intelligence agency had been gathering information on the internal affairs of the Social Democratic Party. That was in 1971.

the Social Democratic Party. That was in 1971.

This had illegally been passed on to "interested persons in the political field." Professor Ehmke added that Herr Wessel himself, even before the coalition came to power at the end of 1969, had given orders that all espionage activity inside West Germany must cease.

that the vast majority of intelligence officers did their duty and he had often defended them as the responsible minis-ter. He was not attacking the The list given by Professor intelligence service as an insti-Ehmke includes leading per-tution, but he was criticizing sonalities, past and present, of the leadership of the agency at

feared could aggravate the pre-

Last night's proposals, he said,

would not only help to fight inflation, but would also encourage the strong and grow-

ing United States economy with continued growth in imports from Europe and elsewhere.

He did not believe general controls would have to be introduced on exports of agricultural products. Referring to last week's blocking by President Ford of a substantial grain deal with the Soviet Union. Mr Eberle said the Russians had not cooperated in giving the Administration information about its

istration information about its

needs and intentions. People could not be allowed to make

massive purchases without the

Administration knowing what

prospects for the Administra-

tion's beleaguered trade Bills

passage through Congress were

last night between Dr Kissinger,

the Secretary of State, and the key senators involved. The Gatt

round of multilateral trade talks, designed to promote further liberalization, cannot begin unless the Bill passes safely through Congress.

Bonn, Oct 9.—The way was cleared today for West Germany to join Britain and Italy in developing the next stage of Europe's biggest single defence project—the multi-role combat aircraft (MRCA).

The Bundestag (Lower House) defenc committee and the ruling defence co

defenc committee and the ruling Social Democrats' parliamentary party approved a Government proposal to build nine protocypes of the all-purpose swing size of the all-purpose swing size of the self-purpose swing size

wing aircraft, which had its maiden flight on August 14

excellent" after a meeting late

Finally Mr Eberle said the

From Dan van der Vat

Bonn, Oct 9

The West German secret service kept massive files on 54
of the country's leading public figures, a parliamentary inquiry committee heard in Bonn today.

ministers, opposition leaders, key parliamentary deputies, diplomats, senior civil servants, economists and scientists. The names form a concentrated "Who's Who" of public life in West Germany in the 25 years of the existence of the

years of the existence of the federal republic. The former minister also disclosed that the secret service had observed contacts between

leading Social Democrat politi-cians and communists in East-ern Europe and Italy.

In his evidence, which caused a considerable sensation here, Professor Ehmke also said that the secret service had recruited West German journa-

must cease.
Professor Ehmke emphasized

Airlift for birds: Swallows, sent by

Airlift is killing swallows

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Oct 9 While thousands of swallows, so enfeebled by hunger and cold as to be unable to cross the Alps, are continuing to be shipped by air for release on the Mediterranean or in North Africa, disquiet is felt over the death rate.

Up to a quarter are reported Agence France-Presse.
to have died, Bernard Levin, page 16

On Monday, the entire cargo space on a Geneva-Tunis flight, will be available for swallows, which will be taken by truck from Tunis for release about

from Tunis for release about 300 miles south.

Paris, Oct 9.—The French League for the Protection of Birds today told people to stop collecting swallows to be flown from cold areas. It said they were unable to stand the air craft flight and "were dying in ever growing numbers".

The migration mystery has been partially explained by the

been partially explained by the theory that swallows nested late this year and the young were too small and weak to fight the sudden arrival of winter.-

Television staff consider two-days-a-week strikes

Paris, Oct 9.-Staff of the state-run French radio and television system (ORTF), who went on strike yesterday, announced today that the stoppage

would continue tomorrow. They are seeking guarantees of continued employment when the Government's plan to divide the organization into seven separate services comes into

effect on January 1.

would be asked to choose be-tween two possible lines of action. They could continue the strike while widening and in-tensifying the impact of their

Alternatively, they could change tactics, giving notice each week of a strike of 48

Leading article, page 17

Two Dutch MPs | Claim to speed involved in bribery charges

The Hague Oct 9.—The Justice Ministry has ordered an investigation into allegations that two Dutch MPs were recently offered bribes by an unnamed foreign aircraft com-

The purpose of the offers, according to the allegations, was to persuade the two members of the Lower House to speak in favour of the company's aircraft as a replacement for the Dutch Air Force's obsolete American Starfighters.

A ministry statement named neither the MPs involved nor the foreign firm alleged to have made the approaches.-Reuter.

record in mental arithmetic From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Oct 9 A new world record in mental arithmetic is believed to have been set by Mr Willem Klein, a Dutchman on the staff of Cern. the European organization for nuclear research.

In front of an audience of United Nations staff, including computer specialists, he extracted the twenty-third root of a 200-digit number in 18 minutes 7 seconds.

Mr Klein, who is 62, has been 16 years with Cern, where mathematical problems are often referred to him, although the laboratory has a computer.

Liner sails to a decision on its fate in Le Havre

Paris, Oct 9

The liner France left its moorings off St Vaast-la-Hougue, in the Cherbourg peninsula, this afternoon, and arrived at Le Havre three and

a half hours later. The decision to return to the base port was taken by a substantial majority of the striking crew, in a secret ballot. It was taken at a general meeting on board the liner this morning to endorse an agreement reached by representatives of the union of the Merchant Marine Administration and the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, which operates the liner. About one-fifth of the men opposed the agreement.

Captain Christian Pettré, the liner's master, was on the bridge and in full control utthe ship.

M Cavaille, the State Secretary for Transport, said that the agreement on the France was "honourable and acceptable". But the conflict hardly solved by its return Le Havre. It does not imply any assurances about its future which, together with the 1,600 jobs at stake, remains the main point at issue for the strikers. A statement by M Velitch kovitch, the Secretary General for the Merchant Marine, last night emphasized that negotiations about the reemployment of the crew could not wait upon the long studies about the future of the France.

maiden riight on August 14 It is planned so far to build 802 aircraft—380 for Britain, 322 for West Germany and 100 for Italy. The three countries are under strong pressure to accept American or French designs for their next generation of warmlanes.

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Oct 9

release.-Reuter.

A newspaper has commented that the French Government's anti-inflation policy had suc-ceeded in antagonizing both employers and labour with credit restrictions and taxes on profits on the one hand and the threat to employment on the other.

The 1.500 delegates of the French Employers Federation meeting in congress at Lille confirm this. M François Ceyrac. its chairman, and M Jacques Ferry, head of its international relations committee, sharply criticized the Government's policy as Malthusian, short-term, and piecemeal There was contradiction between a contradiction between a policy of retrenchment and the need for a dynamic policy to restore the balance of pay-

M Ferry condemned the decision to limit oil imports next year as Malthusian. However, the employers had not come to to raise the standard of revolt, but to see how the exloped in France".

The warning to the Government was clear, however, with M Ceyrac emphasizing that

French employers on the attack very opposite of an encouragement to export because it

tion of warplanes.-Reuter.

throttled production.
Instead of paralysing investment and restricting the cash reserves of firms through credit restrictions, the Government should encourage them to win the battle of exports. The oil crisis contained a threat of paralysis for French industry.
"The answer to this challenge

the attirude of all of us."

The challenge had to be met

in an atmosphere of freedom, freedom of enterprise, freedom to trade. Otherwise "we would move very rapidly towards regression, towards a closed economy, and generalized state control. Twenty years of effort, of progress, of achievement would be brought into question, for in the past 20 years we have succeeded, beyond all forecasts, in achieving a breakthrough in the world".

He demanded a long-term policy drawn up in consultation with employers.
M Norbert Segard, State Secreply directly to this criticism.

"Faced with a difficult situation," he declared, "we must resist discouragement and protectionism. We must look out for import economies, and industrialists must make their products better known on the

"But the only way to eliminate our deficit is to mobilize the whole of our industry on foreign markets. The Governcannot be the work of a handful of specialists and technocrats", M Ceyrac said in a dig at the Minister of Finance and his officials. "It calls for a other priorities and our econoother priorities and our econodeep-seated reaction, affecting mic policy of price stabiliza-

> Government approved the special anti-inflation tax nicknamed the "Serisette", after the special adviser to the President who devised it. The details have not yet been announced. It aims at penalizing firms which pass wage increases on to the consumer in the form of unwar-

> ranted price increases.
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> It is unpopular with both sides of industry because is worsens the burden of the Government's anti-inflation policy carried by firms; and because it is regarded by labour as a disguised wage freeze.

Italian railways demand £4 fare for goldfish From Our Own Correspondent

Rome, Oct 9 The Italian railways have

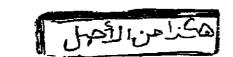
demanded immediate payment from a young woman of 6,500 lire (£4), the estimated fare of two goldfish she carried from Rome to Cassino.

The fish set off from Rome on June 22 carried in a jamja by Signorina Carmela Tises aged 30. The ticket collector insisted that they came in the category of beasts weighing of to 25 kilograms.

Signorina Tiseo told him that the regulation was stupid and today, given the deman for payment, commented: "To think that even a Christian only pays 1,550 lire from Rome to Cassino".

Fire at British car factory in Spain

Pamplons, Spain, Oct 9.—Fire broke our at the main plant of the British-owned motor firm of Authi near here today. There, were no immediate reports of Casualties.—Reuter.



Cyprus expulsion threat against holders of Turkish visas

From Paul Martin

Britons and other foreigners with interests in the Turkish venient place to live is on the occupied area will be hit by a Greek Cypriot side, this rule will new move by the Cyprus Government to thwart a de facto Turkish partition. The Govern-grown increasingly concerned ment has threatened all those about the manner in which the who enter Cyprus through Turks have gone ahead with

Government to restrict the issue overprinted Turkish pass-traffic via the Turkish mainland ports to their people and have to the northern part of the issue overprinted Turkish stamps. is by ship from Piraeus in The reason for the Greek Greece and ocasionally from move on travel is that the Gov-Haifa to the southern ports of ernment is determined to prove

Regular ferry services operate between Mersin and Pamagusta foreign residents settle in areas under their control the question of travel is important.

The Greek Cypriots have lost their air links since the Turks pushed their forces up to the pushed their forces up to the perimeter of Nicosia internation, the only legal visa was saued by the Cyprus Government.

In recent days several torigners living on the Turkish-teld side have had difficulty recause they had this Turkish teld side have had difficulty port project and it is thought necause they had this Turkish than an airfield capable of tamp in their passports. The handling medium-sized passeek Cypriots maintain that the senger aircraft could be comtamp is not valid and that they pleted within a few months.

are technically illegal immigrants. As most who come to Cyprus find that the only con-Greek Cypriot side, this rule will cause problems.

The Greek Cypriots have Turks have gone ahead with Turkish held ports with instant their plans to set up a com-deportation should they cross to pletely separate administration the Greek controlled part of the with its own superstructure. In with its own superstructure. In sland.

This is the first move by the Turkish Cypriots have plans to

Limassol and Larnaca it will to all concerned that unless the fisland.

The Turks had been promoting their southern port of Mersin. Regular ferry services operate between Mersin and Parmagusta where is determined to prove to all concerned that unless the island.

The Turks had been promoting the island will be unworkable. As the Turks have declared their desire to have British and other foreign residents settle in areas under their control the guestion.

ssued by the Cyprus Government under United Nations nent.

However, plans are afoot to go ahead with the Paphos air-

Gen Amin praises the Colonial Service

Kampala, Oct 9.—President Amin of Uganda today praised the efficiency of the British Colonial Civil Service which administered the country before independence.

In a broadcast to mark the twelfth anniversary of Ugandan independence, he also paid tribute to the service's dedication and discipline.

He said: "Although the British colonial regime in Uganda for over 70 years was chiefly characterized by a systematic exploitation of our economy, social order and culture in favour of non-Ugandans, it is true that that administra-tion in certain circumstances was positive."

The President added that Africa would not be free until the whole continent and surrounding islands had been liberated from colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism. "Uganda shall continue to con-"Uganda shall continue to condemn in the strongest terms
minority regimes policing South
Africa, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)
and so-called Portuguese territories in Africa."

President Amin today conferred the Order of the Source
of the Nile (Second Class) on
Miss Elizabeth Ragaya the

Miss Elizabeth Bagaya, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, Mr Oboth Ofumbi, the Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr

Emmanuel Kakhweya,
The latter was responsible
for evaluating the losses to
British firms and estates when they were taken over by Uganda.



A would-be Israeli settler expostulates with Israeli troops who prevented him and other Jews from slipping into the occupied West Bank area of Jordan.

Go-slow Calcutta dockers arrested

Calcutta, Oct 9.—At least 15 last Sunday and invoked the Calcutta dock workers have been arrested under Government emergency measures invoked to break a go-slow at the port, the Dock Labour Board said today.

Calcutta, Oct 9.—At least 15 last Sunday and invoked the gas to break up fights between supporters of the Kashmir Plender which any person aban-biscite Front and the promoted to break a go-slow at the presonable cause faces imprisonment or a fine or both.

Trouble broke out after Mr

said today.

A board official said the go-slow, which began on Septem-ber 27 to back demands for higher bonus payments, had seriously affected the unload-ing of grain ships. The central Government declared an emergency in the port

doning his employment without reasonable cause faces imprisonment or a fine or both.

In spite of the decree, the dock workers staged a token strike by working a half shift Several people were reported to have been injured today in the beautiful several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been understant the several people were reported to have been understant the several people were reported to have been understant the several people were reported to have been understant the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been injured today in the several people were reported to have been the several people were reported clashes between supporters of two rival political groups in the Kashmir capital of Srinagar. Police used batons and tear

Maulana Farooq, chairman of the Awami Action Committee, tried to address a Muslim congregation at a mosque

The action committee is strongly opposed to moves by the front to make peace with Indian

Death toll of 16 in Sudan floods

Khartum, Oct 9.—A government group called today for the immediate evacuation of low-lying areas in southern Sudan to avert epidemics as flood waters were reported to be on

Sixteen people have already been killed and more than 250,000 made homeless in the densely-populated area stricken by the floods, the worst for 28

Palestinian guerrillas to form new group

Beirut, Oct 9 .-- Four Palesbeirut, Oct 9.—Four rajestinian guerrilla organizations whose leaders are at present in Iraq, are planning to form a new guerrilla group as a rival to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the Beirut newspaper As Sajir said today. The four, known as the "Re-jection Front" in the Palestinian resistance movement and which call for the continuation of fighting against Israel until the liberation of all Palestine. are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the PFLP-General Command, the Iraqi-backed Arab Libera-tion Front (ALF) and the Popular Struggle Front

The newspaper said that Mr George Habash, the PFLP leader, had already notified Government officials in South Yemen of the intention of the four to form the new group.
"Habash told oficials in demo-

cratic Yemen that the aim of the meeting of the four groups in Baghdad would be to agree on a date for the holding of a Palestinian Popular Congress there to elect a new national and a central council", As Suir said.

Sufir said.

Mr Habash's group announced on September 26 that it was withdrawing from the executive committee of the PLO

South Yemen leaders have told Mr Habash that they do not favour the formation of the new group and have called on him to remain within the PLO.

him to remain within the PLO,

Deadline set for surrender of Ethiopian governor

-leadline for the surrender of a ing the Sudanese, is married to rovincial Governor who is the Haile Selassie's granddaughter Aida. nd is married to the grand-laughter of the deposed Em-

laughter of the deposed Emperor Haile Selassie.

The wanted man is Ras Duke) Mengesha Seyound, he outlawed Governor of the who has been accused by the ailitary Government of dictaorial and corrupt practices. Reliable reports say he is in he wild mountainous region of igre and Eritrea, where he as many friends in the Eri-rean Liberation Front (ELF),

> In a broadcast statement the ings.
> uling Military Council did not The Government said some ay where he was hiding, but ndicated he was still in Ethio-ia by saying he would be 48, Ras Mengesha, aged

- Addis Ababa, Oct 9—Ethioila's military Government
oday set Friday afternoon as a
-leadline for the surrender of a

He disappeared with the eldest of his five sons after Haile Selassie was deposed in a coup last month. His wife is under house arrest in Addis Ababa with her only daughter. Addis Ababa was calmer today than it was during and after Monday's shooting between rival army factions, in which five soldiers died and

six were wounded. The military Government today withdrew armoured vehicles guarding the two rebelhe secessionist movement that as been fighting the armed orces for more than a decade.

lious Engineering Corps barracks, but left strong troop detachments round the build-

troublemakers had been arrested and would be court-martialled. Dissident troops is property confiscated if he end to military rule and a return to civilian government. have been campaigning for an

Canberra bans ale of Melbourne deed

rom Our Correspondent delbourne, Oct 9 The Australian Government as prohibited the export of ny document relating to the ale of land between early

ictorian settlers and the The Government had been iformed that what is known as the third Batman deed" was bout to be sold by a Melbourne

oout to be sold by a Melbourne ian to a British buyer. The eed relates to the sale of land n which Melbourne now ands. It is regarded as a sluable historical document and Canberra considers that it is nould not be permitted to leave nould not be permitted to leave se country.

—Reuter.

Ship payment?
From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 9
The Royal Commission investi-

This was said to be the differ ence between British and Australian maritime wages. The union was alleged to have said that the money would be paid over to members of the crew and not placed in a special union fund.

Australian union warned on

gating indemnity payments by shipowners to maritime unions was told in Melbourne today that the Australian Seamen's Union had threatened to place a ban on the British-owned ship Wild Avocet unless the owners paid \$A34,000 (£18,000) to the

Royal tribute to Fiji's inks with Britain

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The Prince rejoined the

He told the chiefs that the sion.

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Suva, Fiji, Oct 9.—The ince of Wales today visited syuka, the first capital of iji, and met 12 direct descentings of the chiefs who ceded ji to Queen Victoria 100 ears ago tomorrow.

"Ye and the that the would sure a stable country and sure ince ".

He told them that he would Fiji was a stable country and it have been allowed to meet the Prince thought that its conem on the spot where the nexion with the British Crown

The Prince rejoined the Royal Navy survey ship Hydra and sailed about 15 miles to the islet of Bau, a fortified stronghold which had been the home of Chief Ratu Seru Cakobau, who led the move for cestless that the stronghold which had been the home of Chief Ratu Seru Cakobau, who led the move for cestless that the stronghold which had been the home of Chief Ratu Seru Cakobau, who led the move for cestless that the stronghold which had been the home of Chief Ratu Seru Cakobau.

'rincess leaves Poland fter 'cordial' talks

Warsaw, Oct 9.—Princess exandra today ended her five-y official visit to Poland, the st by a member of the Royal mily to a Warsaw Pact

Before leaving by special ght, the Princess and her hus-nd, Mr Angus Ogilvy, met Mr zef Tejchma, the Minister of

Princess Alexandra was in arsaw primarily to open an hibition of Polish coins queathed by Major-General rzy Wesierski, who served the Polish forces in London ring the Second World War.

The pross them increased its The press today increased its verage of the visit, which was sated by the Polish authorities nerally in a low key. The immunist Party organ Trybuna idu put its report of the visit the front pages

Polish television last night showed its first film coverage of the visit.

Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy were received then by Mr. Henryk Jablonski, the Polish head of state, for what the press today described as "cordial" talks.

The late Duke and Duchess of

The late Duke and Duchess of Kent, the parents of the Princess had spent their honeymoon in Poland, in 1934.

Our Berlin Correspondent writes: Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy arrived in Berlin today as guests of Sir Nicholas Henderson, the British Ambassador to West Germany.

The Princess was entertained by Herr Klaus Schütz, the Chief

by Herr Klaus Schütz, the Chief Burgomaster, tonight. She attended a chamber music concert at Charlottenburg



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Swift action unlikely on President's plan to destroy inflation

United States Economic Correspondent Washington, Oct 9.

Congressmen to President Ford's new economic programme suggests that swift action on his proposals will not be forthcoming. This will leave the Federal Reserve Board to continue shouldering the brunt of the Government's anti-inflation efforts for many months to come.

The board has already taken The board has already taken some modest steps to ease nonetary policy, but it has given warning that significant easing is contingent on tough deflationary fiscal action. The President has proposed some action now, but it is for Congress alone to depose. It is improbable that the Federal Reserve Board will relax present policies much further before Congress acts.

Shares on the New York evident from the reactions of that they plave no intention of starting work on the bulk of the legislation proposed by the President until the start of the next Congress. This arises from the wide-spread belief that the Democrats will strengthen their majority at next month's elections and thereby be in a more powerful position to harden the President's proposals in such a way that they bring greater

Shares on the New York Stock Exchange fell in early trading but rallied strongly later in the day to close some 27 points ahead on the Dow Jones industrial average.

Analysts explained the rise largely in terms of bargainhunting and technical factors, with some admitting that it reflected relief that companies had not been hit hard in the President's new economic pro-

gramme. Mr Mike Mansfield, the Senate majority leader, noted here that it is unlikely that Congress will complete action on the President's tax proposals this year. Like many senators, he stated that the 5 per cent income tax surcharge proposed by the President should apply only to families with incomes of more than \$20,000 (£8,300) a

called for the surcharge to apply to families with incomes of more than \$15,000.

Senator Mansfield also stated Initial response from leading that he supported the view of many Democrats that the surcharge should be linked to general tax reform legislation that closed loopholes used by some wealthy persons and com-panies. Such legislation, how-ever, would be large and com-plex and could take months to get through Congress. What appears to be

evident from the reactions of Democrats is that they have no intention of starting work on the bulk of the legislation pro-

powerful position to harden the President's proposals in such a way that they bring greater relief to the poor and the unemployed.

A number of trade union

leaders and liberal Democratic Congressmen openly attacked the President's tax proposals today. They argued that the President has again done nothresident has again done hold-ing to block price increases and cut the big profits of big business, while placing the burden for inflation on the shoulders of uiddle-income groups, who today, they main-tain; can just not afford to pay five per cent more tax.

Mr William Simon,

Treasury Secretary, told a house ways and means committee meeting that it just had to be recognized that "there is no instant cure, no magic formula to solve our problems over-



".

Mr Kevin White, Mayor of Boston, during a press conference
Leading article, page 17

yesterday on racial violence in his city.

Boston Irish seem determined to carry on fighting integration

From Patrick Brogan Boston, Oct 9

Boston was quiet this morning, but the lull will not last long. Only about 25 black schoolchildren braved the South Boston Irish and took the bus to the high school there. There should have been about 900 of

A roughly equal number of white children should now be going to school every day in the former Roxbury High School in the black district. Barely a busthe black district Barely a busload went today. Roxbury and
South Boston High Schools have
been merged, although they are
about seven miles apart; and
Mr Kevin White, the Mayor of
Boston, has asked for federal
marshals to protect children
who obey the court order that
each part of the school should
now be half black and half
white.

In rioting yesterday scores of people were injured in both white and black areas. White Bostonians, opposing the desegregation order, have been boycotting the 81 schools heavily affected by the order. Buses carrying black children to formerly all-white schools were stoned or stopped in increasing numbers, and now the black community here has reacted.

Whites, including women and children, driving through black districts were stoned yesterday, and riots in predominantly black schools caused much damage to cars and buildings. Half the Boston police force is engaged in protecting children. In rioting yesterday scores of

engaged in protecting children, teachers, bus drivers, buses and schools and can no longer cope.
The Boston Globe called this
morning for federal troops to save the situation. Its first leading article states that the city of Boston has got out of control. There is a breakdown

Mayor White, whose national political ambitions are disintegrating by the hour, has no control over the city education system himself and is trying to pass off the responsibility for maintaining order on to the federal Government or on to the Governor of Massachusetts. Commentators, including spokes-men of black organizations, are unanimous that the 125 federal marshals, sought by Mr White,

will not be enough.
Altogether 45,000 children are affected by the desegregation order (the South Boston-Roxbury school system is merely one of those affected) and the marshals, however well equipped, could not possibly protect them all if the situation continues to deteriorate.

Governor Francis Sargent, a Republican, was already fight-ing for his political life in the aftermath of Watergate when the busing issue exploded in Boston. He is up for re-elec-tion this year and his chances being steadily whittled

Mr White, a Democrat who lost an attempt to defeat Governor Sargent four years ago, of course wants the ago, of course wants the Governor to carry the blame. He also argues that wholesale busing is a mistake, but that the law must be obeyed. Like the Governor, he is on television every day calling on Bostonians to show restraint.

The South Boston Irish are not impressed and seem determined to carry on the fight until busing is abandoned as a policy.

Mr Tip O'Neil, majority leader in the House of Representatives whose constituency is a Boston whose constituency is a boston where said this morning that of law and order row that goes beyond the school busing order to pit citizens and city police against each other." The news-

paper says that what is needed in the South, where there no is a highly conspicuous force been no serious trouble for and that this must be composed and that this must be composed causes much anguish in ultraliberal Boston.

The parallel with Belfast is frequently made. The origins of the dispute are purely racial, although the leaders of the antibusing movement now claim that they are concerned solely with the state of education in Boston. They even admit now, rather late in the day, that black ratner late in the day, that black education had been neglected over the years. The trouble has now spread outside the overwhelmingly Irish district of South Boston but the drive behind the opposition to desperagation remains Irish desegregation remains Irish Catholic.

Education in Boston is con-trolled by an elected committee of five members, which has led opposition to busing since the first Massachusetts desegregation Act in 1965. Its obduracy provoked the Massachusetts State Board of Education to produce the state of Education to duce its own plan for desegrega tion in the city. A federal court ordered last summer that the plan be implemented, in two stages.

The first stage, involving about half the 93,000 school-children in Boston, came into effect last month and led to the boycott, the riots and now to this extreme danger of a catastrophe. The second stage, due to be put into effect next year, would have equally year, would dramatic effects

The Boston education committee may be abolished next month. A city referendum on November 5, the day of the national and gubernatorial elections, will decide whether to preserve the present system or whether to introduce a new one in which the Mayor would ap-point the school supervisor who would run the system with the help and guidance of local, re-

Argentine MP takes refuge in **Congress**

Buenos Aires, Oct 9 As political violence continues unabated today in Argentina a left-wing legislator fearing for his life took refuge in Congress a labour leader was shot and seriously wounded, and bombs exploded in the city of La Plate.

exploded in the city of La Plan-Señor Hector Sandler, a deputy of the Popular Revolu-tionary Alliance, and his wife-sought police protection and spent the night in the congres-sional building after armed civilians were spotted near their apartment block.

Señor Sandler's name was in the "death list" of the self-styled Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA), a clandest ne group which has research research to the self-indext research to the self-index claimed responsibility for the murder of 21 leftists in the past three months.

in another incident, the secretary-general of the Port Workers Union was shot in the union's beadquarters by two men who escaped.

in Le Plata, 37 miles from Buenos Aires, bombs dameged a girls' school and a university building where staff planned to hold funeral services for two university officials kidnapped by the AAA and murdered

yesterday.
The officials—Señor Francisco Achem, aged 34, and Señor. Carlos Miguel, aged 38 was killed as President Maria Estela Peron met more than 100 representatives of all the country. active forces to discuss ways to counter the wave of violence which has claimed 108 lives in less than three months.

The violence started 15 days after Senora Peron's husband President Juan Perón, died on July 1.

In another development today a group of Peronist urban guerrillas blew up their arseminear the city of Rosario, 199 miles from here, and announced they were ending their am

government militancy.

They were a faction of the Montoneros", urban guerrilla. who went underground last month to fight against Senon Peron's Government, which is said was too right wing.

Pacific craft in trouble

Juneau, Alaska, Oct 9.—An American Coast Guard rescue aircraft was circling over the 54ft wooden vessel of ocean expedition in trouble in the stormy north Pacific toder. The craft is Kai Ti, a replic of a Chinese junk of 2,000 years ago, carrying a crew of seven on a voyage from Taiwan to San Francisco to try to prove that links existed between China and America in pre-Columbian days

Moscow, Oct 9.—Anatoly Kir-

Senate challenge on arms for Turkey From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Oct 9

The Senate today sent President Ford legislation banning arms aid to Turkey, thereby challenging him to veto, as he threatened, stop-gap foreign aid. The so-called "continuing re-

solution", already approved by the House, requires the President to certify "substantial progress" on negotiations over Cyprus before Turkey can receive any further military assistance assistance

Some Republicans professed for a formula to be worked out outrage, even though the vote whereby Congress could deterhad been widely expected. Sena-mine whether the Soviet Union for Robert Griffin, the minority was carrying out the liberaliza-Whip, protested that it was a tion of emigration procedures

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"slap in the face" for Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, who has begun a week-long Middle East tour. It certainly spoilt the afterglow of his send- President Ford and a number off

Dr Kissinger left Washington early today on an optimistic-note. His domestic negotiations over the trade Bill and emigration of Soviet Jews were re-ported by Senator Henry Jackson to be suddenly making substantial progress ".

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President Ford and a number of Cabinet officers at Andrews Air Force base. There was no question that Mr Ford intended it to be a gesture of reaffirmation of his confidence in Dr Kissinger, who has been flooded recently with congressional criticism.

sional criticism.

The main point of his press conference on Monday, it is authoritatively learnt, was for Dr Kissinger to come forth in unaccustomed humility to assert that criticism was normal and to profess his effectiveness as unimpaired.

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While nothing is yet firm, plans are being laid for a possible meeting after President Ford's visits to Japan and South Korea, at the end of the month. Mr Ford recently disclosed that he was expecting to receive Mr Brezhnev here next summer.

Mr Ford and

Mr Brezhnev

Washington, Oct 9

may meet soon

From Our Own Correspondent

An unscheduled summit meet

ing in the Pacific between Presi-dent Ford and Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, is being actively

considered for some time next month, White House officials disclosed today.

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Mr Wilbur Mills 'in river incident'

From Fred Emery Washington, Oct 9

Representative Wilbur Mills. one of the most powerful men in Congress, was today linked by federal police here with an incident in which a woman got out of his car and jumped into the Potomac tidal basin in the early hours of last Monday. Mr Mills, with a bloody nose and facial injuries was later

driven home by police, apparently "intoxicated" the deputy chief of National Park police stated here at a press conference this afternoon. The woman, described as a

"go-go" dancer, was rescued, and officially listed by national park police as an attempted suicide. Mr Mills, chairman of the powerful House of Represuicide. Mr Mills, chairman of the powerful House of Representatives ways and means committee, is unavailable for the water, an inlet of the potential of the water.

However Mr Gene Moss, his

A spokesman for the reports of a scuffle.

national park police stated "Mr Mills identified himself to the satisfaction of the officer" at the scene of the

incident.
Mr Mills, aged 65, married with two daughters, is up for reelection next month in the strait-laced Arkansas district which has been sending him to Congress since 1938.

He was absent from his committee's meeting this morning. According to the national park police there were three women with Mr Mills in his car and another man driving. The car was first seen near the Jefferson memorial without lights and speeding.

A patrol car gave chase, the

Caretaker **Cabinet** takes office in Greece From Our Correspondent

Athens, Oct 9 The caretaker Government formed by Mr Constantine Karamanlis to conduct the general election on November 17

took office today. President Ghizikis swore in 19 new ministers and under-secre-Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, Mr George Mavros,

minister, Mr George Mavros, the Deputy Prime Minister and Mr Foreign Minister, and Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Defence Minister, remain in the Government. They are the only ministers to stand in the

The new Government's first step was the ending of martial law, which was imposed in the April, 1967, coup and never
A police officer jumped in entirely lifted. Today's decree congressional administrative helped by other police who limits the jurisdiction of courts has denied to him being in the One policeman was slightly in-

World chess adjourned

pov and Viktor Korchnoi a journed the tenth game of their world chess challengers' match tonight. Some observers felt Korchnoi, playing black, had 1: jured in the rescue, leading to and restores suspended civil slight advantage. Karpov leads reports of a scuffle.

The ungentle art of catching wild elephants

From Hugh Mabbett

Kuala Lumpur, Oct 9

A small herd of wild elephants in the Malaysian state of Pahang marooned in an island of jungle, is playing havor with surrounding crops and with the moral of men trying to save

A unique and costly operation has been mounted to move them to a game reserve, but so far the elephants have not cooperated. The sole catch after two months' work is a comely four-year-old, Minah, who has become a kind of guinea pig for Indian experts who are training Malaysians in their art of elements of earthing phant catching.

Minah was lassoed from the back of one of four tame ele-phants brought from Assam to phants orought from Assam to help the operation. These ele-phants are trained to run along-side a wild elephant so that riders can throw flexible jute ropes over its head and then control the plunging animal as it tries desperately to escape. It is like a rodeo, but on a far grander scale.
On the open plains of Assam

this spectacular and dangerous method works well. But in chancy shot. The tranquilliser

Yugoslavs going to Warsaw

Pahang, in central Malaysia, the dart had glauced off a wild But this policy led to more thick jungle has made it uncer-tain and even more hazardous. darranged by the second se

The Indian elephants have got alongside the wild ones several times but the thrown ropes have snagged on vegeta-tion, except in the capturing of Minah. She still has rope burns to show how she was caught.

The lack of success and the danger to riders as their steeds charged through the forest were so serious that a new method is being used. The wild elephants are to be knocked out with a tranquilliser gun, roped between tame elephants while unconscious, and later marched away.

One fully grown female, more than 7ft high, was caught in this way but either she was already ill and injured herself struggling to escape, or she re-acted badly to the drug. She sickened, was unable to feed herself and had to be killed. Since then the herd of eight or nine elephants has become very nervous of man. I saw a game warden come out of the jungle after a hard day's march which had produced only one

back the next day to try again.
It is a complicated operation because two trame elephants must be near by to handle any wild ones which may be drugged. There are only four elephants to work with and a big area to cover.

The plan is for the elephants in this patch of jungle, about 10 miles long and very dense, to be captured, partially tamed and then walked to a national park about 80 miles away. Attempts to drive elephants

to new areas usually fail be-cause they try to return home once the pressure is off. A period of captivity seems necessary to cure this home sickness.

The Pahang operation stems mainly from a new chief game warden's decision that every-thing possible must be done to Stop 'he shooting of elephants.
Before the warden, Mr
Mohamed Khan, moved to his
present job three years ago, the
game department was killing
about 20' a year, mainly because of damage to crops. Now only rescue operation is the less about six a year are being shot. that could be attempted.

Development Authority, which in the past five years has opened up about 100,000 acres of forest for oil palm and rubber in the Jengka area of Pahang. Ele phants like the tender hearts of young oil palms, and have caused about £600,000 worth of damage in Jengka.

The Cabiner finally allocated E42,000 for a rescue operation. Four elephants were bought from Assam, their handlers were

recruited. Malaysian under studies were assigned to learn the art, and an "elephant we'll fare unit"

fare unit" was set up.

Although the operation has not gone well, its managers are confident it will succeed in the end. After Jengka the toam will move to tackle similar situation.

elsewhere.
But the Malay villagers of the region are convinced that the Jengka elephanis, who still feel by night on young oil palms, are not just hungry, but are wreat-ing deliberate vengeance of man for destroying their forest From this point of

Science report

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to Warsaw
with reservations
From Dessa Drevisan
Belgrade, Oct 9
Yugoslavia is to take part in
the preliminary consultations of
European communist parties
which will be held in Warsaw
from October 16 to 18. The scope
of the gathering is to pave the
way for the full-scale European
communist summit which the
Russians are trying to arrange
for the spring of next year.

The idea already seems to
have run into serious difficultles as a number of communist
parties have indicated their
opposition to the way past conferences were conducted with
the Russians assured of a safe
majority and the rest simply
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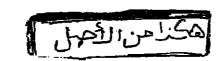
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the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Browne

[Judgments delivered October 8] Estate agents acting as "sole agents for the vendor of a property do not have authority to delegate their functions to a sub-

The Court of Appeal so heid in allowing an appeal by Mr Raymond Pow, now of New Orleans, United States, from Judge Lermon, QC, at Epsom County Court, who had awarded to estate agents. John McCann and Company, of West Street, Epsom, £275 on their claim for commission alleged to be due on the sale of a leasehold flat at Briavels Court, Downshill Road.

Mr Roger Henderson for the vendor; Mr Mark Tennant for the

They agreed together a price of £14,200, and by September 5 their respective solicitors were preparing contracts. On September 7 Mr Pow mentioned the matter to McCanns, who said: "If that deal does not no through porhance we mccanns, who said: "If that deal does not go through perhaps we can appoint some local agents". Mr Pow agreed, but made it clear that it was not to prejudice his private negotiations. Not until that date did Mr Pow authorize the appointment of subagents.

By September 13 McCanns had discovered that Mr Rudd had got information about the flat from a firm called Douglas and Company. Thereupon they said that Douglas were their subagents, that they had instructed them some time before, and that because their subagents had introduced the property to Mr Rudd they were entitled to their

Mr Pow disputed that. He said that he had never heard of Douglas and that so far as he knew the sale to Mr Rudd had been arranged

for McCanns for £275 commission.

One point would dispose of the appeal. McCanns claimed to have introduced Mr Rudd through subagents. The general rule was that an agent had no authority to appoint a subagent except with the express or implied authority of the principal. There were several exceptions to that rule which were set out in Bowstead on Agency, and the question was whether any of them applied to the position on August 29 when McCanns said the property was introduced to Mr Rudd through Douglas.

privately.

McCanns then brought an action in the county court for the full commission and pleaded in terms that their authorized subagents, Douglas, had introduced Mr Rudd Douglas, had introduced Mr Rudd and that he had thereafter bought the property. Mr Pow, who acted in person, objected to any payment because he said McCanns had not introduced Mr Rudd. There was also a dispute about the date when Mr Rudd first came into the picture. The judge gave judgment. ture. The judge gave judgment for McCanns for £275 commission.

Sole agent cannot appoint subagent without authority They agreed together a price of plan McCann and Company v They agreed together a price of this Lordship that an estate agent— there was a mere introduction of this Lordship that an estate agent— the possible purchaser that could be delegated as immaterial. But the answer was in the facts. It failed because it was answer was in the facts. It there was a mere introduction of a possible purchaser that could be delegated as immaterial. But the answer was in the facts. It had not been treated in the least

Douglas as a subagent for them.

they had done it, and on August 29, the date of the introduction of Mr Rudd. Douglas had no author-

fore the fundamental point en-titling McCanns to commission failed because it was not their act by which the sale was affected.

The justice of the case was that It Pow should not be held liable; e had put the flat into the hands he had put the flat into the hands of McCanus who claimed, as he was aware, to be sole agents and knew he had not appointed anyone else as subagents. When Mr Rudd came to Mr Pow and said "I don't come from McCanus", he was entitled to say to himself "In those circumstances I am not liable to pay agents' commission and I to pay agents' commission and I can negotiate privately " and bring the price down as he had done. It would be unjust that he should be

The appeal should be allowed. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE ORR, concurring, said that the appeal should be allowed on the ground that McCanns had no authority to appoint Douglas as subagents. There had been no evidence of a usage in the business of estate agents which would authorize the appointment of subagents. appointment of subagents.

Lord Justice Browne agreed. Solicitors: Bowles & Co. Epsom; A. R. Drummond & Co. Epsom.

18 put on electoral register

Regina v Hammond, Ex parte the names of 18 electors who were Nottingham City Council Eighteen people in Nottingham publication in February. will be entitled to vote tomorrow as the result of a mandatory order

The Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Milmo and Mr Justice Ackner granted an application by Nottingham City Council for an order of mandamus directing the electoral registration officer. Mr. to correct the register by including

umitted from the register on its

The grounds of the application were that the omission of the names would deprive the electors of their right to vote at parliamentary and local government elections The Lord Chief Justice said that the court would follow wellestablished precedent and say that mandamus should go to correct the register in respect of the deficiencies shown in the applica-

supporting and opposing credi-tors, now asked that, instead of the usual compulsors winding-up order, the court should order that In re Manual Work Services

(Construction) Ltd. Before Mr Justice Megarry []udgment delivered October 8] Where a petition seeking com-pulsory winding up of a company,

already in voluntary liquidation, has been advertised but at the hearing it is sought to amend the prayer so as to seek the voluntary liquidation to continue under the supervision of the court, the only supervision of the court, the universe is for the creditors generally, if all of them are not before the court, to be given due warning of the actual order the petitioner seeks, and the petition, as amended, should be readvertised. His Lordship, on an application hy the petitioner, Kevin Docherty trading as Surveying Associates, with the assent of the supporting and oppositing conditions.

as most of those were what the principle was. with the assent of the supporting and opposing creditors, gave leave to amend the petition for compulsory winding up of Manual Work Services (Construction) Ltd, in voluntary liquidation, so as to seek an order for voluntary liquidation under the supervision of the court and adjourned. sum of the court and adjourned the petition for 28 days for its readvertisement.

readvertisement.

Mr Charles Bonney for the petitioner and the supporting creditors: Mr Stephen Hunt for the opposing creditors; Mr Philip Heslop for the liquidator.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on January 2. 1974, the company passed a special resolution for voluntary winding up, but at the creditors' meeting held the same day it was unanimously agreed day it was unanimously agreed that a voluntary winding up was unacceptable by reason of the company's general indebtedness.

On March 19 a judgment creditor presented a petition praying that the company should be wound the the present under the p that the company should be wound up by the court under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1948, "or that such other order may be made . . as shall be just". The petition was advertised as being "Petition for the winding up" of the company with nothing said about other relief

After various adjournments, the petitioner, with the assent of both

order, the court should order that the winding up should continue subject to the supervision of the court. In those circumstances the question arose whether the peu-tion, duly amended, ought to be readvertised.

In a number of cases the court had dispensed with readvertise-ment: In re United Bacon Curing Ment: In re United Bacon Calling Co [1890] WN 74), In re Civil Service Brewery Co [1893] WN 5) and In re Waterproof Materials Co (1893] WN 18) might be in that Category. On the other hand, readvertisement was required in In re New Oriental Bank Corporation [[1892] 3 Ch 563) and in In re New Morgan Gold Mining Co ([1893] WN 79). It was not easy to per-ceive in cases so shortly reported

principle was.

Some assistance was to be found in In re National Whole Meal Bread and Biscuit Co [[1891] 2 Ch 151, 152), where Mr Justice Kekewich said: "I take it that the intention of the rules as to the advertising of winding up petitions is that the petition which is heard shall be advertised—that it to say, that which is advertised and that which is heard shall be substantially the same petition".

The most recent reported

which is heard salar be abused with ally the same petition.

The most recent reported authority seemed to be a Practice Note (1902) WN77). In it Mr Justice Buckley, whose learning in these matters was preeminent, said: "Where a petition for a compulsory order had been advertised, and at the hearing the petitioner asked for a supervision order only, the petition ought as a general rule to be readvertised. This appeared to be the practice more recently adopted, the reason for it apparently being that persons who would be satisfied with a compulsory order would not take the trouble to appear if they thought such an order would be made, but might appear and object to a supervision order only being made."

The court was naturally reluctant to expose the petitioner to the delay that readvertisement would

Readvertising amended winding up petition reifer advertised was a winding up order. There were, of course, many differences between winding up subject to supervision: a glance at Schedule 11 to the Companies Act gave some indication of that. Winding up subject to supervision was essentially a volunary winding up with a limited degree of additional protection.

There were over 20 creditors with claims of over £40,000 originally listed as supporting a wind ing up order while 14 with claims of over £75,000 were listed as opposing such an order. However, a statement of affairs as at the end of November showed that there were over 300 creditors with debts totalling nearly £200,000. It was, therefore, plain that there were many creditors with substantial claims in addition to those

It was said that the greater included the less, and so on a petition for a winding up order the relief of a supervision order might be granted. That, however. was not the point. What mattered was not what appeared to the company but what relief and pratection were accorded to the creditors. If they were told that the relief being sought was the relief which would afford them all the greatest measure of progression was which would afford them all the greatest measure of protection, was it right, without warning to them, to make an order which protected them less? No doubt any of them who felt strongly enough on the matter could, after a supervision order had been made, petition for a compulsory winding up order; but that involved the time and trouble of commencing new proceedings, instead of merely attending the hearing of an existing petiing the hearing of an existing peri tion and urging that a particular course of action should be taken. The only fair course was for the creditors generally to be giver due warning of the actual order which the petitioner now sought Solicitors: Wedlake Bell for G. R. Smith & Co., West Bromwich; Beauchamp, Birmingham.

Accused woman said to have boasted of bombs

A girl witness at the M62 coach omb trial at Wakefield Crown ourt, West Yorkshire, yesterday aid that Judith Theresa Ward. the is accused of 12 murders, had easted to her about making ombs.

The girl, referred to only as 'endy, said she shared a caravan ith Miss Ward while they were orking at Chipperfields' Circus t Belle Vuc, Manchester. She said he remembered Miss Ward rriving on Saturday, January 26, ith a blue-green holdall.

The previous day Miss Word ad told her that she was going a London for her employment ards, and she returned carrying the bag. It was her only luggage, he unpacked a few clothes and ooks, and put the holdall under settee bed in the caravan.

On Monday, January 28, Wendy uid Miss Ward told her she was turning the boldall to her other's home in Stockport and eved it was easier to get a bus

Miss Ward returned later, with-

In reply to Mr Peter Taylor, OC. the prosecution. Wendy said:
seem to remember her [Miss
rd] saying something about
nbs, about home-made bombs,
said they often made these." Mr Taylor asked: "Who were they'"? Wendy replied: "I do nt know. I got the impression to meant we'. I thought she as just joking."

Wendy said that Miss Ward once entioned a boy friend in Ireland ho had been killed. "I think she id he had been shot by soldiers." She then told of the morning the and Miss Ward arrived at alpping Norton, the winter quar-rs of the circus. It was Monday,

February 4, the day of the coach

When she left the caravan, Miss Ward was in bed and she was still there on her return. Later she saw Miss Ward leaving in a taxi carrying a white duffel bag. Wendy told Mr Taylor that she herself did not take any explosives into the caravan at any stage.

Miss Ward, aged 25, of Stockport, Greater Manchester, is accused of the murder of the 12 people who died in the coach explosion. She is also accused of causing explosions at the National Defence College, Lanmer, Bucking-hamshire, at Euston station. London; and on the army coach, which was taking soldiers and their families from Manchester to Catterick after weekend leave. She has denied all the charges.

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the defence, asked Wendy if she remembered anything about a rag being put in the neck of a bottle of petrol and lit so that the bottle would evalude when thrown. girt said she thought she did.

Mr Rankin referred ber to a statement she had made to the nolice. She agreed that upe night in the caravan she and Miss Ward were watching The Comedians on television and were laughing at Irish jokes.

One of the jokes was about a bomb and Miss Ward is alleged to have told Wendy that she had made hombs in Ireland. Wendy's statement said that she did not believe her but she asked Miss Ward how she did it. She said Miss Ward told her she placed some kind of substance in a bottle and threw it. The mirl agreed that Miss Ward

and or in England.

An application by Mr Rankin for the trial to be adjourned so that the defence solicitor could investigate the history of the caravan in which Miss Ward lived was granted. The court will not sit



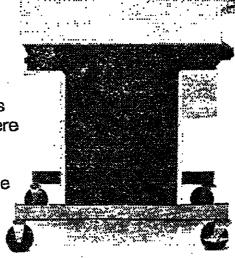
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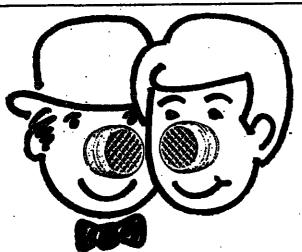
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estate agents.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in August, 1972, Mr Pow nstructed John McCann and Comcany to sell his flat and told them hat he wanted £14,350 and that f they introduced a purchaser he vould pay a reasonable commission. The estate agents advertised t for three weeks in local newstapers, describing themselves in he advertisements as "sole gents". They certainly believed tiey were sole agents, and that

eft Mr Pow free to deal privately imself, though he could not pooint any other agents. On August 29, the date found by the judge, a Mr Rudd came to ee the flat. Mr Pow asked him f he came from McCanns and he aid no. So Mr Pow thought he ould negotiate privately without taving to pay agents' commission, hat was what happened—and the udge found that Mr Pow had no lea then that any other estate gents were involved.

certainly one who claimed to be "sole agent"—bad no express or implied authority to appoint a subagent because the agent's functions required skill and confidence to perform. Those functions and duties were to use his best endeavours to sell the property at the named price to a purchaser ready, willing and able to purchase it; to prepare particulars of the property accurately and not to make any misrepresentations; to receive applications and make appointments to view; to negotiate the best price that could be obtained in the circumstances; and in the course of negotiations to receive a deposit either as stake-holder or for the vendor. All those functions and duties required skill and confidence, so much so that it would be impossible to say

said that the sub-agency here was very limited; that Douglas were very limited; that Douglas were only entrusted with the ministerial act of passing on the details of a property. He relied on the statement that when an act was purely ministerial and did not involve confidence or discretion there could be a delegation of it. He had referred to the entertaining case of St Margaret, Rochester Burial Ground v Thompson ((1871) LR 6 CP 445), where a sexton was held to be able to appoint a deputy to dig a grave and ring the bell because that could be done by any reasonably competent person so that if the sexton was busy someone else could do those things; and the court had pointed out that if it was some-

that an agent had any authority to delegate them to a subagent. That was borne out by the authorities such as Mullens v Miller (1882) 22 Ch Div 199) and Maloney v Hardy and Moorshead (1970) 216 EG 1582). But Mr Tennant, for McCanns.

nose things; and the court had pointed out that if it was some-thing where peculiar personal skill was required, such as a painter to paint a picture, he could not hand it over to someone else to

made by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court.

be entitled to receive the deposit; and McCauns wrote letters saying the deposit should be paid to

as immaterial. On the contrary, Douglas themselves had prepared particulars copied from McCanns which they issued on their own paper, giving a full description of the premises and saying "View by appointment through agents Messrs Douglas and Company" and that they took every care to ensure that the particulars were correct. Douglas also claimed to

So it was plain that whatever authority McCams gave Douglas it was not limited to a purely ministerial act. It was, as they had pleaded. a delegation to

perform.
Mr Tennaut said that where

ity whatever to act as subagent as Mr Pow at that date had not authorized McCanns to appoint any subagents. So the alleged introduction was made at a time when there was no authority to

But they had no authority to do that on August 14 when they said

Season's biggest crowd see Manchester underdogs out on top

Manchester Utd 1, Manchester C 0
The biggest crowd at any English
club game this season, 55,225, saw United, now thriving as the under-dogs in Manchester, knock City, their greatest rivals out of the League Cup at Old Trafford last night. The battle was decided by a 76 minute penalty which half the City will label unfair, the other as all part of the game. the City will label unfair, the other as all part of the game.

The tension throughout was thick and heady but without blunting the commitment of their tackles or the fierce competitive element of the contest the players were on their best behaviour and produced a thrilling, well-balanced cup tie. City had the overall fitness, United more fire. Into she ranks

United more fire. Into the ranks of the reds was thrown a 17-year-old full back, Albiston, making his first appearance and also making his mark by stopping Summerbee cleverly in the last minute as he broke through. In the end it was a tragedy that Clarke, also a new-comer to the local derby stage, should now be saddled with the blame of letting his side down after conceding the penalty for a

For 25 minutes play raged from end to end. City forced two dangerous corners, Daly was on target with a snap shot. Tueart's header was cleared off the line by Buchan and Pardoe thwarted Pearting of the ware smoother. United son. City were smoother, United quicker and enterprising. In the twentieth minute a 30-yard shot by Forsyth thudded against McCrae's chest for Hammond to clear in a

As the pace slowed United's young men, leaders of the Second Division, looked worried, particustring trouble again. But although Marsh was a handful, for Mr Kew. as well as Buchan and company, City were still wairing for Summer-bee and Bell to show their quality. In the half's sprint finish the ground shook as Holton tackled Marsh at the death; McCalling almost exploited McCrae's poor

superbly saved.

Away went United from the starting gun again. City were fortunate to block shots from Greenhoff and Macari, Pearson's substitute. Then Stepney saved at full strench from Doyle. Bell and Tugart were showing their style now, but so were Morgan and Daly. McIlroy and Macari were turning City's less experienced defence more frequently, but Stepney was pleased to be in direct line with a fine Tugart shot.

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Then in the seventy-sixth minute United broke through under the noses of the roaring Stretford enders. McCalliog crossed from the left. Mccari, with his back to the goal, tried to flick the ball past Clarke but it hit Clarke's hand and Mr Kew pointed immediately to the spot. Colly, Daly pushed his kick past McCrae for his seventh goal of the season, his sixth penalty, but cerminly the one which unleashed the noisiest response.

response.
The last bectic act was desperate The last nectic act was desperate pressure from City, more good defence from Holton and Buchan, dangerous breaks from McIlroy, continuous song from one end, growing apprehension at the other. The end came with a mighty roar and the arguments began.

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The Manchester United manager, Tommy Docherty said: "It is a bit hard to be detached from it all and say whether it was a good game. The crowd seemed to enjoy it. It was certainly a good result for us. We were playing against a good side. We had Pearson injured and had to push a young full back into the fray. But the players were marvellous and the crowd too. I think they all deserve a pat on the back."

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J. McCaillog. G. Dalv.
MANCHESTER CITY: K. McRae; G.
Hammond. G. Pardoe : sub, P. Barnes.
M. Doyle, J. Clarke, A. Oakes, M.
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Referee: G. C. Kew (Amersham).

Colchester demolish Carlisle's hopes

The compact ground of Colchester United, of the third division, was once more the graveyard of a first division side's hopes in the Football League Cup. Carlisle United could not complain about their 2—0 defeat as they were outplayed for a long period and only Tom Clarke, their goalkeeper, and Green, their No 5, kept them in the game until the seventy-fifth minute.

Then a bad back pass by Martin let in Svarc, who scored from a narrow angle, and two minutes later Leslie scored from the penalty spot after a handling in-cident. Colchester's victory was deserved as they lost Morgan with a broken collar bone in the first half. Train, Frank Clarke and Owen—all of Carlisle—had their

Leeds United were given a fright by Bury, of the third division, before winning 2—1 at Gigg Lane. The champions survived in the sixteenth minute when Stewart allowed a Williams shot to spin out of his hands, but the goal-keeper regained possession on the line. A goal then would have been a great help to Bury, but within a minute Lorimer gave Leeds the

The game boiled into life, with had an effort disallowed; but Leeds, too, were under pressure.
Williams scored a superb equalizer
after 57 minutes but, with thoughts
turning to a replay, Cherry
smacked in the winner in the

eighty-first minute. A determined defensive display earned Norwich City a replay after they had played second fiddle for most of their drawn tie with West Bromwich Albion. The visitors took the lead in the sixteenth minute when Boyer headed home a cross from Morris. Albion were quick to recapture the initiative quick to recapture the industrethough theirs was a lucky goal
four minutes later. An inswinging
corner from Johnston hit the upright and rebounded into the uet
off the back of Stringer.
Chester, of the fourth division,
went ahead in the thirty-second
minute when Lennard, who is on
loan, hooked a backheader from
Draper past Preston's goalkeeper.
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On half-'ime Draper was a Yard wide with a shot at an open goal and later he headed the ball home, but his effort was disallowed because of a foul. Bobby Charlton tried hard to marshal his attack, but could not conquer Chester's year-old unbeaten home record.

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subject to rescrutiny.

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ONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER POOL division leaders, had to fight hard for a replay at Ewood Park next week against Hartlepool, who are fourth from the bottom of the fourth division. Hartlepool, who played Bournemouth four times in the second round, tore into Rovers. Their fast, enthusiastic football earned them the lead in 20 minutes. A shot from Honour was blocked by Jones, in goal, and Rovers gradually built up their game and took over the second half, but there were only 16 min-utes left when Martin, the centre-

A dramatic finish gave Crewe Alexandra, of the fourth division—before their biggest gate in a decade (12,290)—another chance in a tough tie with Aston Villa. Five players had their names taken and another was sent off.

Morgan shot Villa ahead after 10 minutes, but Duffey equalized after 50. Leonard regained Villa's lead eight minutes later. Reed, a substitute, shot Crewe's equalizer in the eighty fifth minute. Ross, Morgan and Leonard, of Villa, and Crudgington and Duffey, of Crewe. were cautioned. Crewe's striker, Nelson, was sent off for dissent seconds after Crewe's last goal.

Celtic found the going tough against Airdrieonians in their gradings afforts division football good enough, even on a poor night, to spoil a pleasant vision.

Until the fifty-fifth minute it was possible to believe that Parding's efforts leading to half A dramatic finish gave Crewe

against Airdrieonians in their Scottish League Cup semi-final match at Hampden Park. Not only did Airdrie survive an ooslaught-they also looked dangerous in several breakaway raids. Two saves of Hunter, the newly recalled goalkeeper stopped Celtic from trailing. The champions were relieved when a quick move among the forwards culminated in a cross from Wilson being met by Murray, who made no mistake Hibernian took a long time to settle down in their semi-final match against the hard-tackling Falkirk; but once Harper scored the game's only goal midway through the second half, they

dence until near the end, but Blackley was in top form, and Cropley was by far the most effective forward. With their effective forward. With their wingers unable to shake off close marking by Kennedy and McLeod, Hibernian seldom reached their best form. The goal came in the

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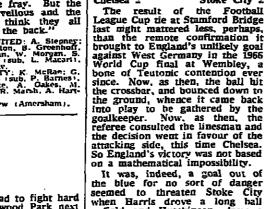
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settled down and fully merited



into play to be gathered by the goalkeeper. Now, as then, the referee consulted the linesman and the decision went in favour of the attacking side, this time Chelsea. So England's victory was not based on a mathematical impossibility. It was, indeed, a goal out of the blue for no sort of danger the blue for no sort of danger seemed to threaten Stoke City when Harris drove a long ball upfield and Hutchinson, drew a bow at a venture from 25 yards, with the goalkeeper far from home, and Chelsen were back in the match. Until that 23rd minute the same had belied attraction. e had lacked atmosphere, small audience participation, what there was drowned in the huge echoing new stand. Stoke had scored as early as the seventh minute and the spectre of the 12m worth of steel and concrete being worth of steel and concrete being transmuted into an elegant white

elephant took renewed substance.

By John Hennessy
Stoke City 2 This was a goal that should never have been, not that is if you take the all too common view that goalkeepers should be infallible. On this occasion Phillips failed to gather a shot on the ground from Greenhoff some 30 yards out and Robertson seized avidly on the rebound.

A goal to revive memories of 1966

Greenhoff puts the ball past the Chelsea goalkeeper, Phillips, to give Stoke a 1-

avidly on the rebound.

Stoke City wove some pretty patterns, with Hurst usually at the heart of them, in spite of the crude attentions of Dempsey and Droy. Hudson, however, returning home, made scarcely any impact. For Chelsea, there was always a threat in the dash and elevation of Hutchinson and Carland.

as Cooke made contact at last with his wayward muse, and in the last pulsating minutes Chelsea looked the more like taking hold of the night, with Garland narrowly falling with left foot and head, a shot from Hutchinson just whistling past a post and the elegant Houseman frustrated at the last stride by Farmer. Stoke brought on Haslegrave for Robert-son, and Chelsea Wilkins for Garland, but to no avail. It was a clean match, given what was at stake, but Pejic had his name taken for a foul on Cooke.

There were 19.954 spectators, 11,046 fewer than is needed to dis-

pel the spectre that now hannis Stamford Bridge and at least 11,000 fewer than the match deserved. It will be replayed at Stoke next Wednesday.

The second half began, as

The second half began, as had the first, with an early goal for Stoke, this time even quicker on the draw. We were only two minute further into the match when Hurst received due reward for his endeavours. Receiving a long ball from Greenhoff, hovering on the right touchline, Hurst this time evaded his sentinels to chest the ball down with superbartistry and prod it home. It was a goal in a thousand.

Chelsea's reply this time was

Cheisea's reply this time was quicker in the making, for only aix minutes later they were level again. Houseman was brought down, somewhat histrionically, on the edge of the penalty area and from the free kick the ball bobbed about as though in a pin-ball machine, until Hutchinson nudged it over the line leaving Farmer a crumpled and senseless heap in

CHEISEA; J. Phillips; G. Locke, R. Harris, J. Hoilins, M. Droy, J. Dempsey, S. Kember, C. Gariand sub, R. Wilkins, C. Cooke, I. Hutchinson, P. Honseman, T. J. Farmer; J. Marsh, S. Dodd, J. Robertson sub, S. Hilb, A. Dodd, J. Robertson, S. H. Hasiegrave, J. Greenhoff, G. Hurst, A. Hudson, G. Salmons, Referency, L.

Reading nearly catch Burnley unawares Carnaby brought the

was possible to believe that Reading's efforts, leading to half a dozen or more shots buzzing around Stevenson's goal in the first half, were artificially created by Burnley's own carefree by Burnley's own carefree attitude. Reading did reach above themselves, but the difference between their releatless enthusiasm and Burnley's fundamental superiority in the basics, should have been enough to ensure no surprise. That for a long time was Burnley's assumption. They were nearly mistaken.

performance was the reliability of two 19-year-old central defenders by the names of Hetzke and Lenarby the names of Hetzke and Lenarduzzi. Hetzke, I am assured, is a
"local lad" from Hungerford but
Lenarduzzi played some World Cup
games for Canada before being
recommended to Reading. They,
and a man called Friday, big and
powerful in the front of attack,
kept Burnley from the comfortable
win that they seemed to expect. win that they seemed to expect.

Beneath all of Reading's exuberance there was a feeling that the ance there was a recling that the shots by Habbin, Friday, Hetzke and Murray that ranged in vardage from 30 yards out to 15 yards wide, were the condemning factors, despite the encouraging appearance they gave. Burnley's concern was never unnecessarily serious. They had no lutention of providing an exhibition even when threatened.

In that 55th minute, Burnley had to change their policy. Moreline started another of Reading's seemingly ceaseless raids that were usually cleared before the penalty area was reached. A pass from

quick attempt from too far out, but this time the ball escaped to Habbin, who was much better placed and scored. First division football slowly came to life. Burnley brought players up from midfield; Noble and James began to intercept tired passes. The pace of their earlier efforts slowed Reading's running and Burnley cruised into the last 20 minutes, assisted by a mistake by Death, allowing Noble to head

lins's free kick.

If Reading had done enough to win a few much-needed friends, that goal by Noble showed there was an inevitable result in sight. The winning goal, from Newton after 76 minutes, was scored when not one Reading player had the energy to challenge him.

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Yesterday's football results and scorers

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TOUR MATCHES: Newport 14. Ton-sans 6: Rugby 9, Gordon (New South Wales) 20. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire
13. Buckinghamshire
15. Oxfordshire
19. CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 30, Pon-typridd 4: Cross Keys 16, Crumin 5: Devon 21, Royal Navy 6: Glotucette P. Moseicy 6: Oxford University 7. Bridgwaler and Alioon 6: Stationablire 10, Loughborough Colleges 9.

Rugby League LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-final round: Leigh 5, Widnes 8.

Today's fixtures NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Skelmersdale & Marecambe (7.50). RUGBY UNION: Cambridge Univer-sity v Cambridge City (2.45).

Bando home run gives Oakland first round lead over Orioles in 20 minutes

Los Angeles, Oct 9.-A five-run first inning helped Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-0 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers in the third game of the National League play-off series here last night. Pittsburgh reduced Los Angeles' lead to 2-1 in the best-of-five series .- Reuter. Baltimore, Oct 9.-A home run by Sal Bando in the fourth inning gave Jakland Athletics a 1-0 win over Baltimore Orioles here yester-day and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-

series. Both pitchers played brilliantly. Vida Blue, for Athletics, allowed only two hits while striking out seven batters and walking tone. The Orioles' Jim Palmer gave up The Orioles' Jim Palmer gave up only four hits, walked one batter and struck out four.

five American League play-off

Apart from Bando, on his home run over the left field wa!!, no runner reached second hase during the game. A crowd of 32,060 watched the tight struggle.—Reuter.

Squash rackets JOHANNESBURG: Final round: G. Hunt (Australia: beat J. Barrington (GB), 2-2, 4-7, Third place playeff: R. Walson (South Africa: beat R. Histor (Australia: 10-8, 2-0).

Ice hockey

Badminton Champion wins

Jakarta, Oct 9.—Indonesian doubles champion, Tjun Tjun, opened his country's challenge in the men's singles of the second world invitation badminton tournament here tonight with an easy victory over Denmark's Elo Hansen. He eliminated Hansen by 15—2, 15—4 in 20 minutes in the first men's singles match to bridecided on the opening day of the tournament. tournament.

Tjun Tjun, who also won the doubles title at the recent Asian Games in Teheran, took only nine minutes to take the first set off Denmark's No. 2. In the second set Hansen opened strongly to reach -4 but the Indonesian forged ahead to take the set without con ceding another point.

In the women's singles Common wealth Games gold medallist, Margaret Beck, of Britain, moved into the second round with an impressive 11—8. 11—3 win ove Malaysia's Sylvia Ng. MEN'S SINGLES; First round; Tim jun (Indonesia) best E. Hansen (Den jurk), 17—2, 15—4.

Yachting Blyth building trimaran for round world race

Round-the-world yachtsman, Chay Blyth, has entered the Whitbread multibull race, a testing 16,000-mile handicap for catamarans and trimarans. Blyth is building a large trimaran for the race and hopes to crew it with paratroopers. The race, which is organized by the Royal Naval Sailing Association, will be the longest and toughest contest ever staged for multihulis. for multihulis.
Starting on November 1 next
year, it will comprise four stages,

year. It will comprise four stages, criss-crossing the north and south Atlantic, and is expected to last nearly five months. The crews will start from Portsmouth and sail to Key West in Florida, across to Freetown in Sierra Leone, on to Rio de Janeiro and back to Portsmouth. This course was chosen specifically by the RNSA to test multihulls with a view to their possible inclusion in the 1977 Whithread Round-the World race. Whitbread Round-the-World race.

HONOLULU: World tormado Cala-maran championships: 1. W. Hollier (Australia: 3. R. Seaman (US): 5. R. P. Allen (US). Overall after two rates: 1. Hollier and D. McFault (US). 15 points: 3. Seaman. 17. South Africa excluded South Africa have been excluded from the world amateur snooker

riom the world amateur snooker championship taking place in Dublin next month. India and Ceylon, two of the other 12 countries competing, had threatened to pull out if South Africa competed. The Republic of Ireland Billiards Control Council will now have talks with the international body.

Rugby Union

Fine Tongan effort marred as loc forward is sent off at the end

Rugby Correspondent

Tongans 6 Newport 14 Fa'aleo, the Tongan lock forward was sent off the field in the closing stages at Rodney Parade yesterday for punching Hazzard, the home side's fullback, and then the home side's fullback, and then for prolonging a violent onslaught after the whistle had gone. Newport retaliated in spirited strength, and for a while punches were traded wholesale and in all directions. Having produced order again, the referee, Mr Lloyd, who is newly appointed to the Welsh International panel, was left with no option but to send Fa'aleo packing. Such was the drastic climax to a nigging period of tension and fraying tempers.

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sension and fraying tempers.

So a thoroughly unhappy incident marred what would otherwise have been a satisfying occasion for the touring side. Here they were in Newport's centenary season, badly needing at least a good score after a run of six successive defeats. In the end, they got one, Newport winning by two penalty goals and two tries to a goal, but might have been a lot closer.

it might have been a lot closer than that.

The total domination of Newport in the tight scrummages was not translated into a clear superiority at line out, ruck or manl, and they were leading by only 10—6, midway through the second haif when, first, Valita, the Tongan fullback, made a hash of a penalty attempt from short range and, second, when the captain, Slone Mafi was all but over from a tapped penalty.

tapped penalty.

That is not to forget that Hazzard, for whom for a long time little had gone right, had himself missed two kickable penalties for Newport either side of the interval. However, he came up trumps in the end. First he stretched a

goal. Then he stifled another likely Tongan thrust with an extellent fall. And finally, after Fa'aleo's dismissal, he scaled the result by coming up on the short side of a secrumnage to score a fina try. By now the rain was driving down out of a steely sky.

creased success in ruck and mail was due to their own improvement is debatable. In this department the Newport performance was slap-happy, and the carelessness spread to the open spaces where made.

made.

The Tongans at least had the satisfaction of supplying the day's outstanding performer, Ha'unga, at scrum helf. He had a magnificant of the satisfactors. cent first half. Darting here, darting there, chipping ahead and irrepressibly prompting every move. Nothing was better all afternoon than the try he sparked off after Hazzard had given Newport the lead with an early penalty goal. That score was for off-side after an explosive Newport shove had jerked the opposing from row skywards.

Ha'unga made the try with a dashing open side break from a ruck, with telling support from Sione Maft and Supi. Jenkins's cover tackle seemed to have scotched this attack but the Tongans won another ruck—how much easier it is when going forward—and a switch left resulted in Malakat going through like the wind. Valita converted, and not long afterwards Malakat had switched places with Hala to revert to his proper place at stand off.

This try was obtained when New-This try was obtained when New-port briefly were reduced to 14

players. Their captain, Geolevans, injured a knee and was placed by Watta. Midway three the second half Martin, for a time shaken up by a fierce that gave way to Edwards.

Newport recaptured the lead before half time when, from accummage, Jenkins missed one of his centres, Hazzard of the burly Davies cut pofully inside to the line. Haz then missed another not diffick.

Newport had several other

was Poole's 401st appearance itis club. He has played ag every rouring side since the 19 All Blacks (when Uzzell's dro goal produced a famous victorie It is sad indeed that in sufit field. Gradin, the Argentina selficial Gradin, the Argentina selficial was sent off in the Umatch last year. Before hind the Scottleh international in there was the control of the Contro the Scottish international in-there was the great All B. Cohn Meads. I recall Colin-don, of Australia, being a marching orders, in Wales, in 48. Another, of course, was in 1924-25. Cyril Brownlie, New Zealand forward, was sen by the Welch referee. A NEWPORT: J. Hazzard; K. Davil Burcher, J. Martin (roplacument, Swants, M. L. Showe; C. Jankin Svants, C. Smart, D. Ford, J. Da-yardus, T. Earnard, G. Lvans, C. Implement, P. Watta). J. Jeffer, Jorden

Nobody can get Carter on an exhilarating day

By Alan Gibson

Berks 13 On a sunny afternoon at Newbury, in an even match of uneven quality, Berkshire scored a goal, a try and a penalty goal to Buckinghamshire's try and three penalty goals. The southern division of the Rugby Union county championship is embarking on a familiar course. Berkshire scored two good tries

against one from a sudden breakaway, and were to this extent unlucky. Furthermore, after a still first half, a little breeze blew for Buckinghamshire in the second. It may have put the last foot or so on to the long penalty with which Hammond levelled the scores near the end, and correspondingly taken foot off the kick with which Arnold, a minute or two later, just failed to restore Berkshire's lead. These two had exchanged penalty oals in the first half, during which

here was no other scoring, nor much likelihood of it. Buckinghamshire had more of the play. Berkshire kicked too much in midfield when their wings deserved oppor-The second half was livelier.

Berkshire went ahead with a try in which three forwards shared : a break on the blind side at halfway

by Arnold, a dash by Vaughan and Boulter over in the left-hand corner. It looked as if Berkshire were going to score again after a good movement which changed direction, but the last pass to the right was intercepted by Carter in his own 25, and he was too fast and well winded for anyone to catch him. It was an exhibarating run, and Hammond's second penalty goal gave Buckinghamshire the lead.

Then came the second Berkshire Then came the second Berkshire try, from a move across field to the right after a lineout. The full back, by joining in, helped to give Maxwell the extra room he needed. Arnold converted this try, but Hammond's last penalty meant—or may well mean—that all was to do again.

BUCKINGEAMSHIRE: J. Bickman (Mariow): P. Carter (Northempson). P. Smith (Esher). R. Bacon (Henley, captain). A. Follett (Mariow): E. Hammond (Mariow). I. Whitelock (High Wycombo); M. Bann (Shroud). N. Barker (Bedford). J. Spencer (Beaconsiled). R. Bevis (Metropolitan police). T. Roberts (Rudny). I. Beldey

Three penalties for Groom plus one for neatness

By Peter Marson Hertfordshire 17 Oxfordshire 19

A new season's county championship programme in the south-ern division was begun at Croxley Green yesterday where Oxford-shire impishly stole away to win by a tiny margin of points moments before no side. Should either county eventually find a place in the quarter-final round, then one would bope that they would have got there by playing rugby on a higher plane.

Oxfordshire won by a goal, a try and three penalty goals, to two tries and three penalty goals. With both sides making a host of mistakes of one sort or other, the place kickers were continually up in the front line adjusting their up in the front line adjusting their-sights. They were all quite suc-cessful, Webb, Wells and Groom, that is, and it could be argued that Groom, with his neat, studious and steady left-footed style, won the match for Oxfordshire.

He had already chalked up nine points from three penalty goals when Kilgour ran in for his second try. This brought the scores level at 17 points each with three minat 17 points each with mree minnutes to go before no side. Groom
appears to have borrowed the beginning to Asif Masood's—Pakistan's fast bowier—run up, and retreating before circling in he
landed his conversion from a difficult position halfway out to the
left of the posts on the 25.

That settled the matter, of course, and while Oxfordshire's happiness was spiced with a dash of relief, not to say, a little disbelief, poor Hertfordshire, who had shown a flickering of form with two excellent tries must have felt thoroughly sick to have allowed their lead of 17 points to seven a quarter of the way through the second half to erode and dis-At half time, Webb and Wells

At half time, Webb and Wells had landed penalty goals and Cadle had scored a try bringing 10 points to seven from Oxfordshire for whom Kilgour had scored a try and Groom kicked a penalty goal. Towersey then scored Hertfordshire's second try and Wells landed his second penalty goal. Groom now brought Oxfordshire within range with two penalty goals before he tipped the scales with his final contribution.

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Oxford rally tol win with two good move🖟 By Gordon Allan

Oxford University beat Br water and Albion by a pen-goal and a try to two pen-goals at Bridgwater last night was their first visit to Bridge since the last war and they of it to Kent, their captain, wh if to Kent, their captain, who home club is Bridgwater.

Oxford deserved to win. The also deserved to score more the one try. Their performance nice combined rapture and realist though whether they will be a to repeat it against teams I Cardiff and Northampton another matter. Kyrke-Smith a Lee were the pick of their f Lee were the pick of their if wards; Mackenzie and Quint kept things going well at he back; Glover was a bundle energy in midfield and Ellis i of enterprise behind them all. Oxford looked sharp and qu contord looked snarp and dis-from the outset, moving the blabout confidently among the selves in defence as well attack. Bridgwater looked go; too, though with fewer opportug-ties, and they took the lead af 20 minutes when Oxford we penalized at a lineout a Clemente kicked the goal free 30 yards. Five minutes later Oxford we consider again, this time at a s

crummage in front of their portion front row were to offenders and Clemence poppet the ball over to put Bridgwar. 6—0 ahead. It was a position the had seemed improbable durimost of the first quarter. B. most of the first quarter. Barden and such that points. The points are struck a post with a penal attempt for Oxford, so that Brid water were still six up when the provide first the provide for the provide dime came for the players to su their oranges, and the spectate to drink their tomato soup. The game continued to ebb a flow at exhibitating speed in E second half, and with 10 minu. gone Oxford stored. Kent ms' a typically powerful thrust, Grettried to clear on his own go line, but Ellis was up to ca? him, deprive him of the ball, a dive over not far from the corning of the over not far from the corning of the state of the stat and in two strokes the game the numed a somersault.

For all the efforts of Capara (an England trials player a finyears ago), Bell and Burke, Brief water were struggling as no-sial approached, and it was Oxforwho looked increasingly likely score. Waldron crossed, but was recalled because of a forwal pass.

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Cricket

£750,000 assured before ball is bowled

Plans to make 1975 a "golder year" for cricket were outlined on the first day of a two-day on the first day of the first day of the first day of the shared to cannot cricket soard could be as high as 2750.000 before a ball is bowled. The inaugural world cup competition, for which a sponsor is no be announced, will be played in June. followed by a 10-week four by the Australians.

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Equestrianism

Easter Parade comes between the Schockemöhles at Wembley

Alwyn Schockemöbic had his second win of the week for West Germany at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday, taking the Butlin Have a Gamble on Warwick (not to be confused with Tooy Newbery's Australian horse). He had 740 points against the 690 of Eddie Macken on Easter Parade for Ireland, and his brother Paul, riding Tipperary, was only ten points behind in third place. 8.1 seconds faster than the

place. 8.1 seconds faster than the best of the defending side. Marion Mould with John Gamble.

In the Dick Turpin Stakes, Caroline Bradley and the stallion Middle Road, who went so well on Tuesday evening to put up the best British performance in the Philips Electrical Stakes, jumped two clear rounds to score from the former Badminton winner Celta former Badminton winner. Celia Ross-Taylor, riding Pierette, the horse on which she won the Welsh jumping derby at the Broome family's show at Chepstow last month.

The Evette Grade C championship of the year brought into competition some new qualified novices and was won by 17-year-old Geoffrey Goodwin, who farms

with his father near Stoke-on-Trent. He jumped three clear rounds rounds on his tour-year-old roan mare, Sally Ann, to win the title taken last year by Alison Dawes with Inter-Ciry,
Sally Ann's dam was bought,

Gillian Blakeway, who had the cillian Blakeway, who had the misfortune to lose her good horse, Capsicum, recently with an obscure disease of the pancreas, transmitted by sheep, won the Watney Mann Working Hunter of the Year title on the seven-year-old Mr Perkins, a bay by Scottish Venture and owned by Terry Biddlecombe's father-in-law, Capt Tyrwhirt-Drake, Tyrwhitt-Drake.

COB OF THE YEAR: 1. Mrs A.
Lendau's Justin Time thits S. Trigg: 2. B. Dughan's Paragon: 3. Miss A.
Baldry's Vodka.

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EVETTE CRADE C (championship of the year: 1, G. Goodwin's Selly Ann; 2. Miss A. Smith's Rush Green: 3, N. Skelton's Everss Maybe.

DICK TURPIN STAKES: 1. Miss C. Bradley's Middle Road: 2, Miss C. Ross-Taylor's Pierette; 3, Miss L. J. Clower's Loric. Losic.
BUTLIN HAVE-A-GAMBLE: 1. A.
Schockemöhle's Warwick (W Germany):
2. E. Macken's Easier Perade | Ircland):
3. P. Schockemöhle's Tipperary.

the day, 21 qualified for the final and 11 eventually survived to go against the clock over a big course of closely-aligned fences. Alwin Schockemöhle and Weiler, winners of the Butlin Stakes the previous evening, opened the decider with a fault at the wall in the combination in 32.8sec, which eventually put them fifth.

He was soon overtaken in the best time of the competition, 30.9sec, by Harvey Smith with Salvador, but this German horse fell victim to the combination too, at the oxer going out. Then David Broome with the American-bred Philco luoked like going clear, only to bit the final vertical in a time one-tenth of a second faster than

Eddie Macken on Easter Parade Eddie Macken on Easter Parade for Ireland demolished the crossed poles, Graham Fletcher's Tauna Dora faulted coming out of the treble, and the first clear round was achieved by Stephen Hadley on Corunna Bay. It was an inordinately lucky clear, for this big horse stood off so far at the crossed poles that he appeared to have no chance of clearing them.

Tennis

Taylor slots his game smoothly into place

Tennis Correspondent Madrid, Oct 9 Christopher Mottram and Roger Taylor, his senior by 13 years and six months, today gave Britain two places in the last 16 of the men's

six months, today gave Britain two
places in the last 16 of the men's
singles in the Melia Trophy tennis
tournament. Susan Mappin, who
used to play at the same Sheffield
club as Taylor, advanced to the
last eight of the relatively modest
women's event. Lindsey Beaven
should join her by winning
tomorrow. Their next matches
will be as follows: Mottram v
Guillermo Vilas, the top seed
laylor v Ilie Nastase seeded
ourth; Miss Mappin v Helga
Masthoff, the top seed, and Miss
Beaven v Carmen Coronado.
The best British performance to
oday was that of Taylor. He won
3, 6—3 against the thirteenth
ed, Jaime Fillol who was
unner-up here last year. The
landsome, raw-boned Chilean is a
nan of immense charm and a
lynamic, violently forthright
layer with impressive references,
specially on the clay courts with
which he is most familiar. He is
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ulso a sensitive chap, acutely aware of the fact that the next time he wats Taylor will be the first time. There was never much chance of it rappening today.
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moothly into place, and he darted
bout the court as if he was 10
ears younger. He played as if his
fe depended on it (an attitude
ry no means prevalent among
iritish players) and his game was
resistably authoritative. resistably authoritative.

Taylor has had a lot of trouble ith his arm in the past 15 months and his service and forehand have een slow to regain their rhythm.

matches had both gone to three sets, punctuated by tie-breaks and points of thrilling importance to those of us far removed from the preparations for a general election. As in his first match, Mottram did not play consistently well in winning 7—6, 6—7, 6—4 against Vitas Gerulaitis, of New York, whose roots lie in Lithuamia. But Mottram did win; and in doing so he showed a lot of "G and D" (the game's verbal shorthand for

he showed a lot of "G and D" (the game's verbal shorthand for "guts and determination").

So did Miss Mappin, who won 0—6, 6—3, 6—1 against the left-handed Cora Crewdt (nee Schediwy) of Germany. In the first set Miss Mappin scored only 10 noints which was dishearten. 10 points, which was disheartening, against a player with far more experience of the mental disciplines clay courts demand. But for the rest of the match Miss Mappin settled down to an exercise in constructive restraint, which is to say that she used the court sensibly while concentrating on keeping the ball in play. Her first service ofen seemed careless in its mode of delivery and she sometimes hit flushing thors born sometimes hit flashing shots born of impatience. But, taken as a whole, this was an impressive

performance, mentally, tactically, and technically. Her emotional

performance, mentally, tactically, and technically. Her emotional and physical stamina surpassed Mrs Creydt's.

One of Miss Mappin's rivals for a singles place in Britain's Wightman Cup team, Susan Barker, was beaten 6—4, 4—6, 6—4 by Ross-Maria Darmon, aged 35, who has these children and had played has three children and had played only three tournaments this year. Mrs Darmon knows plenty about

clay court tennis, and can still play it soundly as long as she is not asked to run too quickly too far too often. But this was an embarrassing defeat for Miss Barker, who is also young enough to be Mrs Darmon's daughter. Both played their best tennis in nd his service and locality and his service and locality service and locality service and locality settling back into place. Is odd that such an encouraging solay should occur on the clay much, were too nervous to press gained. Miss Barker was not consistently equal to the challenge of the learnt how to s natural metier. It is also more an a year since he played on it. In every way, today's was an every way, today's was an

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Moore (SA). 6—5. 6—4; J. Gisbert

(Spain) beat S. Krulevitz (US). 6—7.

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Restar (Membro 1—6. 7—5. R. Taylor

(Spain) beat J. Filloi (Chile). 6—5.

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Projsy (France). 5—5. 5—5.

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Miss M. Riler (US). 6—1. 6—1: Miss

V. Ruzici (Romania) beat Miss P.

Lowden (Beiglom). 6—1. 6—2: Miss

V. Manpin (US). beat Miss C. Creynt

M. M. Pinto-Bravo (Chile) beat Miss

G. Coudor (Spain). 6—1. 6—1: Miss

M. Kozerhova (Cxochoslovakia) beat

Miss M. Alvarce-Mon (Spain). 6—1.

6—1: Mrs C. Mandarino (Spain). 6—1.

Durhan. Oct 9.—Mr Basil Reav.

Durban, Oct 9 .-- Mr Basil Reay, British secretary of the Davis Cup tennis committee, today issued a warning to India—play South Africa in the Cup final or face the risk of expulsion from the competition.

Mr Reay, who arrived in Dur-ban on holiday yesterday, gave the warning in a telegram to Mr Raj Khanna, honorary secretary of the All-Indian Lawn Tennis Federation. He said he was acting on the advice of Mr Harcourt Woods, chairman of the committee of management of the Davis Cup nations who gave the authority for the warning to be issued in a telegram from New York.

PHOENIX (Arizona): Miss W. Overton (US) beat Miss E. F. Goolagong (Australia). 6-5, 4-6, 6-4; Mrs. L. W. King (US) beat Miss C. Bostrom (US). 6-5, 6-2; Miss F. Durr (Franco) beat Miss K. Latham (US). 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. (Franco) best Miss K. Latham (US).

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Ascot holds the stage for two days

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

All eyes are on the weather at Ascot, where their last flat race meeting of 1974 is due to be staged tomorrow and on Saturday. Having lost two important days there last mooth the clerk of the course, Capt Nicholas Beaumont, is understandably anxious that the weather should not play any more unkind tricks, So, too, I imaging. unkind tricks. So, too, I imagine. are those trainers who are still auxious to give two-year-olds more experience before the season ends.

The last fortnight must have been particularly frustrating. Capt Beaumont told me that racing would have been possible there yesterday but the ground is bound to be heavy. He went on to say that rain after racing has finished tomorrow could jeopardise Satur-

Capt Beaumont remarked after walking the course yesterday that the rainfall there in September was 6.36 inches, and that they have had a further 1.6 inches since October 3. He warns that the grass is longer than he would like, simply because he has not dared put a tractor on the course to mow it. Incidentally, the going on the steeplechase course and the hurdles course at Ason vesterday. was good to firm, in spite of all the recent rain, which endorses the view that it would be an act of folly to install a watering system at Cheltenham as has been suggested in the past in certain quarters.

To water a course in the summer and autumn if you want to stage racing there during the winter would be madness. I have walked the courses at Ascot and Newbury in the winter at times when racing on the watered flat race courses would have been out of the question, yet be perfectly possible on the jumping courses that have been left untouched during the summer.

Saturday's racecard at Ascot features the Princess Royal features the Princess Royal Stakes: the Bovis Stakes and the Cornwallis Stakes. The Duke of Edinburgh Stakes and the Mari-borough House Stakes form the centrepiece of the programme there tomorrow. here tomorrow.

There will be racing on the same

There will be racing on the same day as a general election for the first time today. The course at Lingfield Park was passed fit after an inspection yesterday morning and weather permitting there will also be racing again at York. The Edenbridge Plate has been divided at Lingfield and I suggest that stable companions at Seven Barrows, Red Regent and Hilarious, will win the two divisions. Red Regent looked a promising

York programme

4-1 Lilo. 5-2 Giselle, 4-2 Duboif, field, Marching Orders, 20-1 others.

2.15 MALTON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,160:6f)

2.45 RAWCLIFFE HANDICAP (2-y-0: £986: 6f)

3.15 LITTLE-GO HANDICAP (£1,760: 1m 1f)

00311 Cay Bird (D), J. Hardy 9-1
01 Giselle (D), P. Walwyn, 8-15
3 Amarante, A. Budgett, 4-8
000 Argent Solell, W. Marshall, 8-8
0 Duboff, B. Hills, 8-3
000 Gakart Bid, W. Elsey, 8-8
Huntinglied, P. Walwyn, 8-8
Lantana, S. Hall, 8-5
2 Lilo, J. Hindley, 8-3

Supreme Lad. P. Davev. 8-6 Son of Ragusa (C). J. Caiver. 6-1 Jana's Return (C). B. Hills 8-1 Poler Culter (C). J. Mulhall. 7-2 Grannedope. U. H. Letterby. 7-8 Fally Native Shedon. 6-5 Wy Clony (D). P. Sonte. 7-1

two-year-old indeed at Doncaster when he won the Feversham Stakes, and Patrick Eddery will certainly be looking for the colt's help to consolidate his position at the top of the tree.

Eddery will also be anxious to win the other division on Hilarious because he was criticised for taking things much too easily on this Busted colt at the last meeting. when they were caught and passed in the closing stages by Sassari and Eddery was the first to accept that criticism. So They Say, heaten three lengths by Libra's Rib ar Kempton Park, seems certain to run well but I still prefer Hilarlous.

Our Newmarket correspondent is Our Newmarket correspondent is of the opinion that The Dunce is capable of winning the Oxted Stakes. Giselle, a winner on heavy ground at Lingfield last month, will find the conditions at York much to her liking and she is my selection for the Malton Stakes. If Giselle, who is the first of Peter Walwyn's runners this afternoon. Red Regent and Hilarions all win, their trainer will have reached a new milestone in his career. With Great Guns winning at York freat Guns winning at York yesterday he now needs to saddle only two more winners to equal his record-breaking season of last year and three to excel it.

year and three to excel it.

The Littlego Handicap has attracted an excellent field headed by Jimsun who finished fifth in the Benson & Hedges Gold Cup at York in August. Since then he has been beaten by Candlestand in the Doonside Cup at Ayr where Long Row, one of his opponents this afternoon, won the Ladbroke Holidays Handicap on the same afternoon. It remains to be seen noon. It remains to be seen whether either Jimsun or Long Row can give more than a stone to Traquair, who is clearly none the worse for his stout effort in the Irish Sweeps Cambridgeshire last Saturday.

STATE OF GOING (afficial). York, Heavy, Langfleed Park: Heavy, Cheisenham; Good, Ascol (tomorrow) Heavy, Langra (lamarrow). Good, Takenham (tomorrow): Soll.

Late change of plan Hurry Harriet, last year's

Champion Stakes winner, has been declared to make her appearance in the £4,000 added Princess Royal in the 14,000 added Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, but the trainer, Paddy Mullins, has now decided to wait until the Curragh meeting on October 19. The filly, owned by a Canadian-based Irishman, will then be sent to Toronto for the Woodbine Stakes on October 27.

1 014202 Jimsun (C), H. Jones, 5-9-12 L. Piqqoil 6 010101 Long Row, R. Jarvis, 1-4-5 M. L. Thomas 5 011120 Dakota, S. Hall, 3-8-6 L. E. Hilde 1 1200473 Traquair, J. Dimiou, 5-3-2 Ron Hutchinson 1 10 113-020 Tree Breeze, P. Beasinty, 5-7-12 S. Salmon 5 2 80 Our Racing Corresponded 1-2 030130 Aidle, I. Balding, 8-7-7 P. Robinson 7 5 2-4 Traquair, 11-4 Long Row, 9-4 Jiniaun, Dakota, 16-1 Tree Breeze, 20-1 Noddy, 4-45 Gambele, Noddy, 4-45 Gambele, 2-45 My Gir

Red Regent and Hilarious can help Eddery consolidate

By Brough Scott

Night in Town, the Cesarewitch favourite, won himself more friends yesterday... without ever stirring from his box. For three other big race hopefuls were soundly beaten by hian Alive in the Rockingham Cesarewitch Trial, at York, and although Man Alive is not an entry at Newmarket, on his last run he was well outpointed by Night in Town at Nottingham. Japello did best of yesterday's caudidates, finishing three lengths second with Rufford third and Mr McMandy fifth. Admitedly, Japello favourite, won himself more McMandy fifth. Admitedly, Japello was giving the winner 13 lb. 2 lb more than Night in Town did at Nortingham, but although exact weight calculations can put him not far behind the Cesarewitch favou-rite on paper, I feel his style of racing is against him, and the bookmakers sem to agree, having eased him from 25 to 33-1. He loves to bowl along in front and even if Boismoss carried such tactics successfully in the 1967 Cesarewitch. I would think it far more likely that he will be cut down at the end. as he was vesterday.

yesterday.

All this should not detract from the gumeness of the winner. Man Alive has now won three of his last seven races and been second in the ohter four. He isentered again on the flat this season but Charlie

Camasha, the grey shows great promise over hurdles and I think breeders should keep a note for his entry into this sphere.
If Eddery had to take second

place here he ended the day with two more winners, one for Peter Walwyn on the ultra-game Great Guns and the other for Harry Wragg on the two-year-old filly. Doubt Me Not. This last was doubly significant for Lester Piggott was her intended partner but a chill grounded him at New-market and so Eddery lengthened his lead in the championship to seven . . . 137 to 130.

On both fillies Eddery was at

his sympathetic best. His is very much a touch of balance and flair, and it was a delight to see how he kept them going in particularly heavy ground. This is particularly true on Great Guns, because he had to ask her a real question to pen back Ballito, who had been driven to the front a furlong out. driven to the front a furlong out. But there was a steady, rhythmic inevitability about his effort which had the hallmark of a champion, and as that is certainly what the bookmakers think, he will end the season. They now go 11-4 on Eddery. 2-1 Piggott.

Jack Fisher and Peter Robinson, Ballito's owner and trainer, had two other runners, Golden Aim, a

may well show us something next year, and Sergeant Rose, who was ciose, and his trainer considers. highly unlucky second in the apprentices race. True Sergeant Rose was fast catching the winner, sky Bonnet, at the finish, but from the stand at any rate this seemed less due to any misjudgment on the part of Sergeaut Rose's rider. Tommy Whelan, than to the finishing style of 19-year-old Paul Carr on the winner.

At best this could be described as "confident" and at worst "semi-paralysed" for Carr, who was riding his first ever winner, bad his filly in front a furlong and a half our and then crouched absolutely motionless on her all the way to the finish. Yet who is to criticize a winner, particularly since the filly had been written off as unreliable by several good index not here she was structure. knows but that in her case motion less may be lest? Certainly trainer Bill Watts, whose other victory with Blue Touch in the first had been his lust for six weeks, had no complaints—and as for Carr, who is ever going to worry just how that tirst winner is gained?

Iceman Rimell's choice for Aintree

Fred Rimell achieved a 117-1 double with Bramblestown and Iceman over fences at Cheltenham vesterday, and promptly named Iceman as his first choice for the 1975 Grand National Steeplechase. 1975 Grand National Steeplechase.

Iceman, having his first race since he was brought down in the Topham Trophy 18 mooths ago, was handled in the run-in with beautiful timing by Ken White to overhaul the pacemaking favourite Pine Lodge and win the Postlip Steeplechase by two lengths. "He'll be my National hurse if all goes well", declared Rimell, who already has three Aintree triumphs with E.S.B., Nicolaus Silver and Gay Trip.

Rimell was highly impressed when Iceman returned to training after his long rest. He said: "I never had a horse back looking so well. He had improved in every

so well. He had improved in every

The Kinnersley trainer was equally enthusiastic when Bramblestown led from start to finish and held off Spanish Steps to win the Churchdown Steeplechase by 12 lengths. "Didn't he jump, and didn't John Burke give him a lovely ride?" exclaimed Rimell.

4.15 ASKE HANDICAP (£1,094: 11m)

4.45 ASKHAM STAKES (£998: 1m)

17 030470 My Cinny (D), R. Jarvis, 7-4 M. L. Thomas u 3 000470 Golden Pristol, P. Metalife, 3-8-15 L. Hioghins 1 221 004 Le Grand Meaulines, P. Brastley 7-0 S. Salmon 5 6 231200 Headin' Home (D), R. Houghton, 5-8-15 L. Johnson 5 8-1 My Ginny, 10-1 Grand Hope, 13-1 others.

11-4 Peter Cultur, 4-1 Dana's Briting, 10-2 Son of Ragusa, 11-2 Supreme Lad. 7-2 Headin' Home, 13-1 others. 1-2 Headin' Home, 0-2 Painta, 8-1 Grey Pequius, 13-1 Colid-m Pistol.

2-1 Reformed Character, 4-1 Tom Noddy, '-2 Live Arrow, 6-1 Shenand 7-1 Wishing Star. 8-1 King's Equity, 12-1 others.

2.15 Giselle. 2.45 My Ginny. 3.15 Traquair. 3.45 Age of Consent. 4.15 Tom Noddy. 4.45 Gambeia.

Bramblestown is now a probable for the Mackeson Gold Cup on November 9 unless the going is extremely heavy. The seven-year-old needs top of the ground and not too much weight as he is not big enough to carry a heavy load. Apple of My Eye, winner of two flat races in the summer and nacrowly thwated in two nears. narrowly thwarted in two more, landed a gamble from 10-1 to 5-1 in the Tewkesbury Handicap in the Hurdle.

Hurdle.

She went to the front turning into the straight and held off Ibn El Harrem by two lengths, to the relief of her Didcot trainer Frank Cundell, who said: "I thought Apple of My Eye would win, but she never ate an oat last night. I took her remperature, examined. took her temperature, examined her, and decided to let her run and she seemed ok but I halved

and she seemed ok but I naived my bet ".

Sea Fern, 9-2 favourite for the Rodborough Hurdle, found a fine turn of speed on the flat to over-take El Menino.

The Brighton trainer Charles Moore, saddled his first Chelten-ham winner with his second runner on the course when Royal Romance held off Lot One by half a length in the Nicholson Hurdle.

three hundred and lifth running of the Newmarket Town Plate today. It will be over three miles and threequarters of the July Course at noon and all proceeds will go to the Asiley Institute, the recreation centre for former stablemen, now under construc-tion at Newmarket.

In line with the advent of women jockeys, the race has attracted a better-class horse, but it is not confined to permit holders. Caroline Mercer, aged 16, who won the event last year on Wood Ditton, and the previous on Greenacre, is without a mount this time.

MOUNT this time.

RUNNERS AND RIDURS (all 12 st):

Triumpi (Miss G. B. | Ufr. | Val. | Son
(Miss G. M. Smith), Ascend (Mrs D.
Capile), Grey Seal (Mrs K. 2 Mark).

Round the Moon (Miss Brends Smith),

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York results

2.15 (2.19) AINSTY SELLING STAKES (Div. 1 2-1-0; £970; 61) Also Ran 11.2 Fixing Grace, 10-1
Smakev Clown (4th) Mister Chicken,
13-1 (Arctime), 10-1 Royal Feest, 20-1
(Arradine, Outek Lasti, Rust Borough,
Cappless Hands, Lunar Belt Scarlet
leafs, 14 ran,
10TE, Win, 58p places, 22p, 21p,
22p, (1 W. Walls, at Richmond,
Vortschire), 21, 11-1, 1min 22,78sec.
There was no bud for the winner.

2.45 (2.48) MIDDLEHAM NURSERY HANDICAP (2071 Int) HANDICAP (1971 Int)
Liebesfied, b (1, by Dite—tipening Chorus (Mr R Bonntt, ette 779)
W. Carpon (12-1)
Congenial, b r., by Airide—My Jean (Mr W Sicels), 7-0
Snow Tribe, b f, by threat Nephew—Cold Storage (Mr N Heiherston), 8-0 ... E. Hule (17-2) 3
ALSO RAN, 5-2 (av Noble Ray, 3-1
James Joker (4th, 11-2 Cundas Caye, 11-1 Marthuna, 12-7 Mibbl, 15-1
Sporting Shot, 20-1 Intagel, 10 ran, TOTE: Win, 21-15; places, 65p, 55p, 28p; dual inrecast, 25,07 B. Hulls, at Lambourn, 11-3, 1-3, 1 min 48,21sec.

Man Alive, or g. by l'alcon—
Twinkletoes, 'Wr H Patchefft, 3-7-7 E. Johnson (198-3) lav. 1
Rafford, br. by Cropelo—
Jahanna (Mr G. Karpitas), 5-8-6
Rafford, br. by Riddem-dira (Mr G. Mapores), 5-8-6
Rafford, br. by Riddem-dira (Mr G. Mapores), 5-8-6
Rafford, 7-7
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5.47:15 40: BRAMHAM MOOR STAKES
(2-1-n) SJ.050: 50:
Doubt Me Not, ch (, by Luck, Stel)
—Don't Doubt Me 'M'; L. Johnston', H-11... P. Edder (11-2) 1
Courling Day, gr I, by Right Boy.—
Sunday Out 'Mr I. Wilson',
Smith. 8-11... L. Apter (11-2) 2
Fearless Boy, ch c. by Yellow God
—Madam Glare 'Mr D. Robin
son', 'P-0 J. Seagrave (3-2 lay)
ALSO RAN', 8-1 Durch 'May 14th,
10-1 Golden Alm. Minmur. 11- Tal
Mahal. 2-1 Flord larget, 14-1 Neverfire, 20-1 Jamie Boy, 34-1 Royal Bride.
Cessy. 12 mn. 45p; places, 17p. 16p.
14p. H. Wrage, at Newmarket, 11-1.

4.15 (4.16) MIDDLETHORPE STAKES
(3-y-3) UL.105: In of:
Great Guns, b. f. by Busted—Sybil
(Mr L. Freedman, 0-0)
Bellito, b. f. by Buddre 1-10e the
Line (Mr J. Fisher) 10i, (11-3) 2
Hopeful Subject, b. f. by Mandamus
—Walt Now (Mr J. Shaw), By11
ALSO RAN: 0-0 Antonius, 0-1 Silver
Sirand (4th), 3-1 Mangal Om. 6 ren.
TOTE: Win: 1-9p; places, 12p, 17p;
forecast, 3-5p, P. Walwyn, at Lambourn,
11, 51, 5min 25,3-3-sec.

J.: AINSTY SELLING STAKES (Div II: 2-v-o: 1968; 6f)
Turkey Trot, b. g., by Great Heren.—
Solar Song (Mr H. Moss), 3-8
A. Kimberley 15-2 fav)
Petal (Mrs A. Sutton), 8-5
Petal (Mrs A. Sutton), 8-5
Petal (Mrs A. Sutton), 8-5
Hyper Rose (Mr J. Davis), 8-8
P. Eddery (6-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Lock North 6-1 ALSO RAN: 5-1 Look North, 6-1) 2
Manzoni (4th., 9-1 Melody Laza, 3-5
Crowd Pleaser, Havaglass, 20-1 Stephan, Court Double, Goldmine, Solar
Crescent, 12 ran.
10Tf: Will, 25p: places, 14p, 27p,
17p. J Hindley, Newmarket, 2 al, 1 stephan 25, 10sec, Misry Belle did not ron.
The wither was sold to Mr S. Wainwright for 1,075 guineas. TOTE DOUBLE: Man Alive and Greet Guns. £3.10. TRESLE: Liebeslied Doubl Mc Not and Sky Bonnet, £27.95.

Cheltenbam N.H. 2.0.—1. Quackatory, 16-1; 2, Near and Far, 4-1; 3, Crazy Guy, 7-1, 11 mn.

2.30.—1. Bramblestown, R-1 : 2. Spanish Stops. 12-1 : 5. Well Olled. 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 3.0.—1. Apple Of My Eye, 5-1; 2. Ibn El Harrem, 13-1; 3. Charlie Mulso, 6-2 it lav. 16 ran, Power Play did not run. 4.0.—1. (coman. 12-1; 2, Pme Lodge, 9-4 fav ; 3, Estolle, 7-1, 10 ran.

4.30,—1. See Fern, 9-2 (av : 2, E) Memino. 8-1 : 5. Just Because, 15-2. 18 run.

4.0 CIRENCESTER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £581: 3m 1f) 001p02- Royal Toss (0), H Handel, 13-11-12 Mr M, Reetes 5 11-3321 For! Ledge (D), P, Tylor, 0-11-9 N, Vakley 31:3020 Prophecy (CD) D, Rarons, 11-11-8 S, May 6 000p0-3 Roman Holiday C, Bewicke, 10-11-6 S, King Prancophile, L, McNaily, 6-11-5 R, Pilman 2-1 Fort Lodge, 5-2 Homan Holiday, 4-1 Royal Toss, 6-1 Prophecy. Francophile. 4.30 GOTHERINGTON HURDLE (Div II: £340: 2m 200yd)

Cheltenham NH selections

2.0 Shavington, 2.30 Tuecan Prince, 3.0 Modigliani, 3.30 Colonius, 4.0 Roman Holiday, 4.30 Four By Two.

he Thornhills and their chance of fame

John Woodcock

y beating David Frame and there Clifford at the 20th hole the quarter-fluals yesterday the quarter-fluals yesterday to the second married couple of their chance of becoming y the second married couple r to win the Worplesdon mixed rounes. The Becka and the throughlis this morning in the incomparable loyce thered) and the Beharrells and Uziellis have all reached the l. but only Michael Bonallack ever won it with his bride. In the old Miss Lewis and Caplan, both the line of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new adoption had been taken up with first of the semi-finals. This will desperate struggle in which Miss achool against the old. Miss Lewis and Youngman beat Mary part of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new achoparable loyce thered) and the Beharrells and Uziellis have all reached the later of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new ach part of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new adoption had been taken up with first of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new ach parties and Youngman beat Mary parties on the 18th. They he have done so earlier had Thornhills on the 18th. They have done so earlier had Thornhills not found a lie are they scaredly deserved one a penalty stroke, upon the advice of the field. Not a jay or a squirrel was safe when Boyd had a wooden club in his hand. But Miss Everard coaxed him round, playing almost flaw-had been taken up with the parties of the draw Susan Roberts, survived to meet Lucy Davies and Youngman beat Mary Davies and Youngman beat Mary Davies and Youngman beat Mary Baver and Boyd at the 19th. What the old timers would have had to say had 18 holes of a four-some taken three hours 38 minutes in playing playing yesterday for the consolation prize at the back of the field. Not a jay or a squirrel was safe when Boyd had a wooden club in his hand. But Miss Everard coaxed him r

3.45 BATTLE OF THE STANDARD STAKES (3-y-o: £907: 11m) Ry Our Newmarket Correspondent Lingfield Park programme 2.0 DRYHILL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£488: 1m 2f) 5-2 Little Battalys. 7-2 Heer West. 4-1 Sugar Moss. 13-2 Battad Singer, 8-1 Fnopp, 12-1 Knockers. 10-1 Turlupin, 20-1 Club Falk. 2.30 EDENBRIDGE PLATE (Div I : 2-y-0 : £552 : 7f) | 230 EDENBRIDGE PLATE (Div 1: 2-y-0: 1552: 7f) | 201 | 231 | Red Regent (D), P. Walwyn, 9-5 | P. Eddery 1 | 237 | 23024 | Anton. (Chartonder Harwood) | P. Lindier 1 | P. 3.0 BURSTOW HANDICAP (£899: 1m 4f)

5.00 Big venture, D. Sasse, 8-11 ... A. Barciav

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10 Figure 1. Sut. Life, 8-1 Bridgert, 12-1 others.

Cheltenham NH programme

2.0 GOTHERINGTON HURDLE (Div I: £340: 2m 200yds) 2.30 NOTGROVE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £671: 21m)

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2.15 Lilo. 2.45 Mv Ginny. 3.15 Long Row. 3.45 Miss Goldle. 4.15 Kings Equity. 4.45 Always Faithful. 4.0 ROOKS NEST NURSERY HANDICAP (£759 : 6f) 4.30 OXTED STAKES (3-y-o: £648: 1m 2f) 5.0 EDENBRIDGE PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £552: 7f) Lingfield Park selections By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Sugar Moss. 2.30 RED REGENT is specially recommended, 3.0 Prince Poona. 3.30 Chitose. 4.0 Flying Dice. 4.30 The Dunce. 5.0 Hilarious.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Little Battalys. 3.0 Tudor Crown. 4.0 Willow Song. 4.30 The Dunce. 22 40223-2 Woodvale, D. Holland, J-10-0 S. Holland, 2-10-0 S. White J-1 Garden Boy, Modigilani, 11-2 Rolyat, Croftemie, 7-1 Killaguriren, McC's Burthday, 10-1 Eric, Orosio, Magic Mountain, 12-1 Kastrup, 14-1 Gienshoon, Bud, 10-1 Saftron Cake, Woodvale, 23-1 others.

esterday's results

his hand. But Miss Everard coaxed him round, playing almost flaw-lessly herself and hitting a long drive down the 18th where they were one up, having just won the 18th and 17th. Boyd, though, lost that hole, with a three wood drag-A. Markwon-Sandbach (Berkshire). S and 2. Section 2. A markwon-Sandbach (Berkshire).

The Great Clark Boom

Another Part of the Wood

By Kenneth Clark (John Murray £4.75)

"I want to see that big head knocked about", muttered the housemaster as he allotted the aesthetic young Clark a dan-gerous place at the heart of the scrum. The sentiment might well have drawn sympathy and understanding a few years later from members of the Berenson household, and would certainly have been echoed by the staff of the National Gallery who locked Kenneth Clark out of his own Library in 1937. He had been appointed Director of the Gallery five years earlier at the astonishingly young age of 30.

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the quality that above all in- of his work has been rushed pheusant"

mysteries as by its confessions. Lord Clark's account of his troubles at the National Gallery, gl /:d in place, but for a more welle-hearted performance we them, presumably, in the next shall doubtless have to wait volume; this one stops at the for the work of a lucky biogra- outbreak of war. pher many years from now. One problem is that Clark kept no diaries and dislikes lengthy

At various points through the book he describes himself as "abnormally passive and conformist", "absolutely inas "abnormally passive and conformist", "absolutely incapable of any collective activity", "prematurely self-controlled and defensive" and exceptionally mean*. If he won the school drawing prize each year he was at Winchester there was clear one. Without that, no each year he was at Winchescharmed life stays charmed for ter, that was because there was ever, and clear-headedness is no serious competition; most

forms this immensely entertain- and superficial (for, of course, ing memoir.

Like all such exercises in selective revelation, Another Part of the Wood holds the attention as much by its retained mysteries as by its confessions. the passionate joy in, and re-newal by, art remains as exhil-arating as ever, likewise the riches of close family life with for example, looks to me like riches of close family life with a Dance of the Seven Veils in his wife Jane (some stunning which each veil remains firmly early photographs here) and early photographs here) and their three children. More of

The hostesses fairly fell on K and Jane during the period he calls The Great Clark Boom, from 1932 to 1939. They were simply the brightest and hest-looking county no diaries and districts and correspondence.

Another Part of the Wood is the most self-deprecating memoir I have read since Graham Greene's A Sort of Life is rich in deliciously dry tales of the monsters at work and play (was there a difference?)

S cating is done with a character of the monsters at work and play (was there a difference?)

Emerald Cunard, Sibyl Colefax, Philip Sassoon, play (was there a difference?)
—Emerald Cunard, Sibyl
Colefax, Philip Sassoon,
Churchill, Chamberlain, George
V and Edward VIII, Duveen
and his packer Berr Boggis—
all told with perfect brevity and
wit. One example. Mrs
Cunard's luncheon guests, who
were generally discouraged
from untering more than two from uttering more than two sentences consecutively in order

> ' What am I like?'' asked Emerald. There was an incer asked Emerical.
> There was an uneasy silence during which we all tried to think of substitutes for the word "parakeet". Golden Pheasant?
> No, too bright. Bird of paradise? Too obvious. I was just about to say "Lady Amherst's

that the conversation might "flow" and remain "brilliant",

were discussing the resem-blances between men and

pheusant" (which is indeed a most beautiful bird) when Archue Clurke Kerr, who had been, as usual, sunk in a kind of Taoist torpor, suddenly said "A fruitcating but", and immediately closed his eyes again.

This book is often funny and sometimes—in Lord Clark's portraits of his rich and disreputable old father, of the painter Charles Sims, of Maurice Bowra, Charles Ricketts and the Head of Winchester Montague John Rendell-very moving. His extensive picture of the Master of I Tatti, where he helped for a time on the revised Florentine Drawings, is sympathetic but horrifying, and it is reassuring to see that Bowra and John Sparrow, whom K took there as visitors, hated Berenson's arrogance neurotic thoughtlessness too. A number of small mistakes could be easily corrected in the next edition: typographical errors in French, English and

Italian, and two facts. The putsch was 1923, not 1929 (by the second date, he was, more alarmingly, accumulating a huge respectable vote which suits Lord Clark's context better, too): and Ghosts has not, so far as I am aware, been per-formed "at the National formed "at the National Theatre"; presumably the production at which K fainted, while sitting next to Dame Sybil Thorndike, was at the Aldwych seven years ago. The point was that he had fainted in exactly the same place when reading the play at Winchester as a boy, and that "the body had a better memory than the mind". Yes, a huge pity there will be no Clark Diaries. Michael Ratcliffe



At Bath, photographed by Herbert Lambert

One great Prime Minister every 30 years

The Prime Ministers

Vol I: From Walpole to Peel

Edited by Herbert van Thal (Allen & Unwin, £6.95) The obscure Prime Ministers of the eighteenth and early or the eighteenin and early mineteenth centuries are obscure indeed. Familiar as Walpole, Chatham, Lord North or the younger Pitt may be, the Earl of Wilmington, the two Grenvilles or Viscount Goderich cannot be said to be on rich cannot be said to be on everybody's lips.

The most interesting of the Prime Ministers to read about are those in the middle group who are neither immensely obscure nor already well known. Burke's party leader, to whom he gave the political loyalty of his lifetime, was the Marquis of Rockingham. There is no ideas and new knowledge, with versal dislike which he suffered, satisfactory biography of him a think-tank including men of said that "his bottom was that and the short essay by Paul the calibre of Priestley and of any Scotch nobleman, proud,

nistration he spoke only twice and on each occasion merely because the tauots and jeers of his opponents compelled him to rise to his feet. In matters of policy he was irresolute, pro-crastinating and apparently in-capable of initiative". It was

around this dauntingly inade-

quate leader that Burke evolved

the early development of his

political theory, and he was not well rewarded for his loyalty. The Earl of Shelburn is another figure who is always fascinating. Perhaps intel-lectually the most brilliant of all the eighteenth-century Prime Ministers, interested in new ideas and new knowledge, with

Langford brings out weaknesses of which one was not aware.

Rockingham was "a notoriously poor parliamentary performer. During his first administration he spake pair wice.

Jeremy Bentham, he was districted and disliked by almost all the politicians who had to cowardly, at least the greatest work with him. Frank O'Gorman goes so far as to say that "he yet Bute was a scholar and a property of the political coward I ever knew". was universally detested by his contemporaries

In this point contemporary judgment is almost always correct. Posterity may not be able to understand quite why a man is hated but the contemporary judgment is not to be set aside. Another fascivating Prime Minister, the Earl of Bute, rings through from the eighteenth century because in his brief period of office and in his period of power before and after, he was more brutally attacked by more gifted satirists than any Prime Minister before or since. Lord Shelburn, perhaps justifying in Bute's case the universal dislike which he suffered, said that "his bottom was that

Yet Bute was a scholar and a scientist, certainly a highly in-telligent man as well as a suc-

cessful courtier.
Inevitably the detail and the quality of the essays on the Prime Ministers from Walpole to Peel varies somewhat arbitrarily. It is interesting at the time of a general election to reflect how rare great Prime Ministers are. In the 120 years of this first volume Walpole, Chatham, Pitt and Peel are the only four to qualify in the first rank not only as men but as Prime Ministers. That is an average of one great Prime Minister every 30 years. Perhaps in the twentieth century we have not done too badly.

A governing class

Clio's vital statistics

Time on the Cross Two volumes: The Economics of American Slavery; and Supplement: Evidence and Methods

By Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman

(Wildwood House, £4.25 & £5.50) How free is "freedom"? In 1850 a black slave born in the American South had a life ex-American South had a life expectation of 35 years. In Manchester (or in New York), at the same date, the unenslaved worker could expect to live to 24. As Fogel and Engerman point out, in this most interesting book, the whip hurt slaves but did not usually kill; nor was slave food bad. To be laid off, in the early industrial city, off, in the early industrial city, did kill: off the premises, a worker was no responsibility of the mill owner. If the slave was never free of his master, nor was the master ever free of the slave. After the civil war slaves were "free" but they were in many ways worse off. The abolitionists released them not only into "freedom" but also on to a free

Time on the Cross is like an inversion of marxisant defences of the lack of western-style freeof the lack of western-style freedom in Mao's China: just think of the gain in nutrition. But its authors are by no means marxists. They are "cliometricians" Yet they run up against the make their points. The detail is so great that, like a shows this. But they looked to exploit black women sexuation who use detailed statistical techniques to make their points. The detail is so great that, like a shows this. But they looked to exploit black women sexuation who have the look women sexuation who have they have the look women sexuation who have the look women sexuation who have they have the look women sexuation who have their conclusion. detail is so great that, like a government report, the book comes in two volumes. The first is prose; the second is an eye-boggling battery of equations. Cho's vital statistics are thus. for the non-mathematician, still somewhat veiled in the decent obscurity of algebra.

But what is revealed is re-markable enough. The central point is the continued strength of slavery as an economic insti-tution in the American South, even in the nineteenth century. Without morally motivated attack, it could have survived. The United States slave population had grown largely by natural increase. (In the Caribbean, worse care and a worse climate made importation more crucial.) In 1860 more black Americans, proportionately, were native-born than whites.

Slaves tended to be housed no worse than the free working population. Families were not usually split up (at least on Fogel and Engerman's figures). The masters did even better, however. The plantation system of forced-labour gang-work

squeezed high profit out of slaves. When the abolitionists added to their ethical attack, William Rees-Mogg the characteristic profit = morals allegation that slavery

His fall created a power vacuum which the Norfolk gentry sought to fill, each fam-

ily or faction aiming at the

was also inefficient, they were wrong. Economically, it worked well.

Fogel and Engerman's argument, of course, is all averages. Just as this will cover "ineff. ciency" here and there, it also conceals brutality. Efficiency too, is a criterion of limited value in judging slavery. Slavery

was wrong because it was wrong, not because it left owners of blacks in the red. Hot after cliometric paradox. the authors do not always take this point. They go so far as to accuse abolitionists of helping to build a sterootype of laty black labour, by emphasizing the supposed unprofitability. Yet any hanging back was surely justified. Time on the Crassitself demonstrates that the itself demonstrates that the profit came from the forcednature of the work. It was like the "profit" squeezed out of Poles in the factories of Spear Krupp and Hitler, Inc.; or out of Stalin's enemies in the Gular Archipelago. When slavery ended, 100 per cent pay rises were not enough to tempt blacks back to gang-work.

back to gang-work.

Economics—as both clique tricians and cupprice marxists need to remember—is but everything. Let me end, therefore, with a harsh example.

Fogel and Engerman demonstrate elaborately that it was bad business, and not necessare.

bad business, and not necessary for white owners and overseen shows this. But they looked after the offspring badly; hence

after the ortspring vacily; nence a high death rate among infants. This is a paradox to Fogel and Engerman because it is economically illogical. To me, it sounds as if slave owners were increased in beauties. more interested in keeping a sexual expedient alive than in perpetuating the flesh-and-blend

evidence.
That isn't economics. But it is this meaning of slavery which, in grandchildren's bitter recollection, gives bite to such book as Malcolm X's Autohiography. George Jackson's prison length or Calvin Hernton's Ser and

Racism. Fogel and Engerman miss this out of their graphs. But even in deploring smit thing, it is as well to know exact, not its reputed, characteristics where you can, and they are good at this.

Paul Barker Paul Barker is editor of New



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the City of London Police) has school) and the unknowing calsomewhat. There can be few
always been prepared to give lousness of poor deaf Annie, reformers whose knowledge is always been prepared to give respect only where it is due, but generously. He has an irreverent sense of humour and an irrepressible habit of speak-ing his mind, come what may.

His autobiography is, as one might expect, frank with no nonsense, covering a lot of experience and full of humour and humanity. Possibly it is only when one has lived through some of the times he describes that one gets the full flavour of his comments. Who, remembering the Old Bailey of the Thirties, could fail to relish his appraisal of the late Sir Ernest Wilde as "a poseur and a mountebank" (with the addi-tional comment that Judge Jeffreys was also a Recorder of London)? But any reader will find the "poseur's"

encounters with Maurice Healy, them; but the police would still of blessed legal memory, happy understand them from within. reading.
The book's great virtue is its

clarity. The result is a verbally his nurse, so kind to him and so unfeeling to a cripple. This lifelong hatred of injustice, cant and cruelty, has remained with

The chronicle of his days in the City of London Police (including some pretty sharp criticisms of his chief) help in understanding the policeman's lot even today. Anyone who talks to the younger members of the force is necessarily aware that the old conservatism still inhibits the advance of the policeman into the Seventies. I think that if the ex-Chief Inspector were at the Old Bailey today, some of his criticisms would be gentler: a new race of judges, feet placed firmly on the ground (and sometimes before the kitchen sink off-duty!)

Mr Rolph has moved from the company of the hounds to the salvation of the fox, about whom he has no illusions at all derived from more direct sources. Under five editors of the New Statesman he has fought doughtly for causes he has espoused, humour always as a supplementary weapon.

Oh! to have been a fly on the wall during some of his differences of opinion with that lovable if exasperating personality, Kingsley Martin, whose progressive views so often condemned as reaction-"Rows" most people would have called them. "Perhaps", says Mr Rolph, "it would be apter to call them solemn disaprer to can them solemn dis-cussions conducted half an octave higher than usual", a remark which illuminates much of what this book contains.

Peta Fordham

Soldiers of the Queen

A Village in Chelsea An informal account of the Royal Hospital

By David Ascoli (William Lusco'mbe, £3.50)

The sometimes stormy, sometimes story relationship between the British citizen and his paid fighting-men reached its nadir less than a century ago when notices outside hostelries forbade entry to dogs and soldiers. And the degree of public respect or contempt for the Army then, as at most times during the past 300 years. times during the past 300 years, could be gauged pretty accurately from attitudes to the "Chelsea Pensioners", the In-Pensioners of the Royal Hespital Hospital

David Ascoli gives an evoca-tive portrayal of these vacilia-tions of public opinion, although if the sub-title were taken literally his book would be one of parochial appeal to old soldiers and Chelsea residents. in fact this is a first-class survey of the changing status of the regular soldier as well. Political and communal conditions that have helped to mould the British Army over the least the British Army over the last three centuries necessarily come into perspective, and the author projects some fresh, in-triguing facets of the mores of the period.

The In-Pensioners salute Charles II as their founder, yet they could probably give equal credit to Sir Stephen Fox, the Army's first Paymaster-General. There is no historical evidence to support the legend of Nell Gwyn's involvement, which is a pity since In-Penof Nell Gwyn's involvement, which is a pity since In-Pen-sioners are deprived of an excuse to grouse about "living in a royal brothel".

There has been corruption a-plenty at the Hospital, someimes on a scale to excite envy and admiration in the North-house and Brian Glanville, and East today. The outstanding Roy Lewis on Richard Hall's villain and first plunderer—the first and, mercifully, the last plored."

Earl of Ranelagh-established a tradition of exploiting the Pensioners, which was to die bard. Yet honest high-level (if not divine) intervention occurred frequently enough to keep the Hospital somehow in existence until exposure and outcry ended the frightful outery venality.

wherever old soldiers are gathered together there are escapades and gasconades and colourful stories. The wards have always housed a quota of "characters", and today's In-Pensioners remain a congregation of the flamboyant and the reticent, the hard drinkers and reticent, the hard drinkers and the abstemious, the storytellers and the listeners, the halfsaints and quarter-sinners. Beyond that, one need not be a deny-eyed romantic to recognize most of them as gentlemen of natural human dignity, slow to give or take offence, display-ing the innate qualities that go with the one trade in which the professionals are happiest when not exercising it.

According to the author, the admission of Navy and Air Force pensioners to fill gaps in the ranks would be a mistake and could create problems. Why a mistake? What problems? The bald statement is not

In the early chapters David Ascoli has a disconcerting habit of jumping about in time, but this is a minor blemish and he must be given a rouse for brilliant research, careful chronicling and a dashing narrative. Laurence Cotterell

Books next week: reviews will include Richard Holmes on the second volume of Sybille Bedford's life of Aldous Huxley; Susan Hill on new novels by Lawrence Ducrell, P. G. Wode-house and Brian Glanville, and

Quick guide

to worry their heads over-much about whether the trials much about whether the trials undergone by the hero (Cary Grant) in that delectable non-sense adventure North by Northwest have given him "a profound spiritual experience" which will change his artitude to the world of Madison Avenue advertising from which he comes—let alone whether, if such a moral transformation has not heep achieved the film has not been achieved, the film can be justified as a bildungs-roman. But then this may be recognized as one of those bees Mr Durgnat tends to get in his bonnet. All his books on the cinema have them; they also all have pages of startling originality and percipience which make reading them worth while. This film-by-film guide to Hitchcock is no exception. But a plain man's Hitchcock? He has to be kidding.

New Ceramics, edited by Eileen Lewenstein and Emmannel Cooper (Studio Vista, £6.95), is the best survey of its kind to appear in recent years. Work from more than 30 countries and regions throughout the world is discussed by local specialists. The overriding impression is that there is virtually no such thing as a ceramic tradition among the present generation of studio potters, although emphasis is on the art object rather than domestic ware. The copious illustrations, in black and white and in colour, underline the view that in Britain at least there is no better aesthetic

The Strange Case of Alfred Hitchcock, or The Plain Man's Hitchcock, by Raymond Durgnat (Faber, £5.50). Few of even Mr Hitchcock's most solemu devotees would be likely

value for money than a piece of the best modern powery.

dominant role in the county. Able men pushed themselves (Clarendon Press, £8.50) forward, some public spirited

County and Court Government and Politics in Norfolk, 1558-1603. By A. Hassell Smith

wrote one English gentleman to another in the late sixteenth century. "And I ate sixteenth century. do by this my letter challenge thee as a lieing knight... meer me... either at Flushing or Middleburgh, there to run three courses with a sharp lance... If fifthy fear causeth thee to refuse this, then serve with me on horseback or foot in three services. with me on norseoack or root in three services . . But if thou shalt refuse . . then I will sec-retly repute thee, and openly emblazon thee, as a dunghill spirited man."

This exchange of pleasan-tries formed part of the Norfolk scene; and Dr Hassell Smith has admirably recaptured the sights and sounds of a vigorous, independent - spirited society. More especially we see a governing class in action as justices of the peace, sheriffs, deputy lieutenants concerned with the problems of internal peace and welfare, the social services, taxation, religion and, above all with the peace and welfare, the social services, taxation, religion and, above all with the peace and welfare, the social services are the peace and the peace and the peace and the peace are the peace and the peace and the peace are the peace, the peace are the peace, shows a live and the peace an above all, with safeguarding their personal prestige in the county. We are witnessing in fact an internal struggle for power characteristic of provincial England; and, guided by Dr Smith, we see it passing through three crucial phases.

During the first the county was dominated by the Duke of Norfolk, cousin of the Queen, and the most powerful mag-nate in Elizabethan Eugland. Most patronage in the shire derived from him, faction was damped down and he once boasted that he was more powerful in his bowling alley in Norwich than was Mary Stuart in Scotland. He was less lucky in other ways. He less in our in other ways. He lost in suc-cession three wives in child-birth and—a political innocent in spite of his power—he gor entangled in a plot against the Queen and was executed in

"I tell thee thou liest; thou liest and liest in thy throat", Arthur Haraniachant for wealth and power, and ruthless in its exercise. We have been inclined lately to diminish the importance of the famous Shakespearian passage, "Take but degree away . . but degree, social standing, not only in comparison with lesser folk but within the governing class itself aroused fierce pas-sions. Faction pulled strings in the county and at Court : hence people were dropped as justices, restored and dropped again, according to who had access to influence. And all manner of people were dragged in as camp followers of faction including the luckof faction, including the luck-less Bishop of Norwich, a weak and troubled man; to his other worries he added a domineering wife, of whom local gossip said
"Whatsoever Mrs Freake will
have done the Bishop must
and will accomplish . . If he
did not . . she would make
him weary of his life."

In the final phase, coincid-ing with the last decade of the ing with the last decade of the reign, faction became merged with principle. We are witnessing the evolution of county opposition to the pressures of the central government, an opposition led by men who dimly sensed and foreshadowed the gathering conflicts of the next reign. (It has always been in the nature of politicians in this country, but politicians in this country, but not in the United States, to not in the United States, to underestimate the strength of regional feeling until it almost engulfs them: here is one more example.) In the early chapters

In the early chapters we sometimes tire, before Dr. Smith does, of the personal squabbles; and there is also some repetition. But his conclusions should be in the hands of every student of the history and literature of the period.

Joel Hurstfield

MARLBOROUGH

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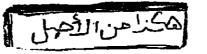
Behind the glittering list of battle honours -Blenheim, Ramilles, Malplaquet - stands an intriguing and oddly elusive figure. Scion of an obscure Cavalier family, destined for a dukedom,

harassed by love and duty to an

impossible wife, confidant then fallen favourite of Queen Anne, Marlborough is brought vividly to life in this splendid new biography. 32 pages of colour plates, 120 illustrations.

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Fiction

In Their Wisdom By C. P. Snow Macmillan, £2.95)

The Gaudy By J. I. M. Stewart Gollancz, £2.80)

Yes—oh dear yes—the novel tells a story, groaned E. M. Forster, wishing it were not to. Most serious novelists probably share his weariness vith the necessity to invent a lot, a vehicle in which to plot, a ventue in which to place their characters, or in which to trundle through the andscape of ideas which is the eal reason for their writing at il. Some contemporary nove-ists puncture all tyres, and orce their readers to plod.
Though C. P. Snow and J. I.
A. Stewart, almost exact conemporaries, seem to show some mpatience with plot in their ew novels (which are in the lain displays of characteriztion), they do not go that far.

Both books derive some taterial from their authors ves: Mr Stewart's narrator, in uncan Pattullo, is a Scot, sturming to Oxford for a sunion, and offered a Reader-ip there—which, one guesses, we will accept and which will accept the with a cell. rovide the author with a still ie four linked novels which to revolve the four linked novels which e to follow The Gaudy. Lord now's book is "about" the notesting of a will; but is set rely in and around the ouse of Lords, and is as uch about the desuetude of plitical life, the loss of style", as about the contest. There (as one would expect d hope) the resemblance be-een the two writers ends. ord Snow is less a story-teller an an investigator of

In brief

ider Wedgery Down, Raymond Paul 85). It would be an ungratereader who, after Ernest ymond's long career, did not lcome his novel, completed before his death earlier year at 85. It returns to old theme of religion us agnosticism: a young in rural England in the 1900s has his simple faith "saintliness" of the clergy unsupported by the evi-

Poetry

len has been dead a year. fronted with his posthumous nk You, Fog (Faber, £1.75) piness and his measure of nitie? Here are 19 poems an antimasque. Nothing hms which made him such ower when he was young rywhere there is artful ochrome, consciously unam-Thus irony, a setting for that the verse where his talent was rome. I won't disparage a nge achievement. In the last of his life Auden made t verse bear a weight of the state of the st n ne ended up writing is like capers cut in et slippers, winking artful, estic verse, made from an eness of the limitations of talent, and a moral income. talent, and a moral insiston the rules of the
ne" which is poetry. The
st poems in Thank You,
are a relief when seen ist the poefaced visages of of his surviving contem-

or his surviving contem-ries, still addicted to lane as magic.

ke the title piece. This By W. C. Williams on Patience rates his return to England
America in 1972. In skilful
bics (seven to the line) he omes differences between York smog and fog in the chire countryside at Christ-immuring him with friends manor-house. Birds sing e "whose blood/is brisk gh "), but mostly he praises dscape of bare trees conng the weather "to defiirops", while

> oor specific spaces. iniscence and reading, Iswords, affinities, fun.

appose this is Austin on up-dated? All the same, udes and all, a poem like Thanksgiving "—in which unes and thanks the poets thers who formed him, not tring Hitler and Stalin wickedness "forced me ink about God"—is a not appible coda to a life's

ted himself in California 1968, has recently shown nparable concern with ness. His collection The 5 (Routledge, £2.50) offers m about each of the sh counties. The book s me as tourism, with paying visits not merely obvious aspects of each but to the scenery of his alent. Every county gets a n John Fowles for Dorset, William Barnes gets no on, seems worse than nable. The verse is slack rbyshire" looks like a t with octave and sestet, consists of rhymed

character: the plot of In Their Wisdom serves well enough to draw the characters together in a pavane; but one's real interest is in the slow layering of character, the disposition of a large cast on-stage (for he is a natural dramatist, though not a playwright). Freedom from the people and settings of the lone Strangers and Brothers long Strangers and Brothers sequence has brought its re-wards; these new characters are almost without exception four-square and solid: the machinating Swaffield, a rich man with an insatiable appetite

for manipulation, is one of Lord Snow's most vivid inventions. The set-pieces are of greater and lesser effectiveness, of and course; two at least are brilliantly brought off—a meeting of two elderly, dying peers in stoic confrontation of their fate, and a brain operation.

The Gaudy has a number of

sub-plots rather than a plot: an undergraduate, the son of a newly appointed cabinet minisnewly appointed cabiner minis-ter, is suspected of rape; another commits suicide; Pat-tullo meets a former love, now married to an early rival of his. Though in his other per-sona, as Michael Innes, J. I. M. Stewart has obviously to be much concerned with plot, in this novel he seems to concerthis novel he seems to concen-trate on scene-setting and the presentation of a set of characters who will presumably return in subsequent books. These are more obviously theatrical than Lord Snow's sometimes a little caricatured, finding it difficult to avoid saying a good thing tending to take up dramatic positions against set-pieces of landscape: The Long Field, the Provost's Luncheon Party, Mr Talbert's Tea. But there is marvellously good donnish dia-logue, and some good comic scenes.

However, there is more to the book than that: the relationships between the gener-tions are a major theme, and particularly well done.

Derek Parker

it in 1974; in 1920 it would have done well.

A Game of Patience, by Francis King (Hutchinson, £2.75). Set in the last months of the war in a small Surrey village now men-aced, as never before, by the random attacks of VI rockets, a small community waits for life to begin again when the war is over. Marion waits for her husband, who may be dead or a prisoner, and looks after her household of mother-in-law; nervy, asthmatic little son; land-girl Valerie, 17-year-old daughter of a well-known MP; and Roy, "conchie" and malicious trouble-maker. The strains on the various relationships are ly 1900s has his simple faith irroyed by a splendid seist. Not a theme we can ognize as immediate to our ognize as immediate to our itime, and the book lacks irruthfulness of characterized when the village is disturbed by a barrage balloon crew, noisy, brash, definitely lower class, bored and ready for mischief. Each nuance of life is recorded with care and affection. One day the barrage balloon crew pack up and leave and the novel quite simply stops. So did the war, one might say, the barrage part has lives of but having entered the lives of the characters, such an ending is something of a disappointce. But, alas, one is reading ment.

> couplets; a pepper of exclama tion marks tries to do the job of feeling; photographs doc-tored to make silhouettes on the pages where the poems are printed cannot disguise the book's triviality. Davie's nost-algia has been ill-served by an attempt to try on Betjeman's old suits with none of Betje man's panache.

Full of descriptions of places that have taken his fancy. Charles Tomlinson's The Way In (Oxford, £1.25) shows off a painter's eye—snow is seen as "a batter of ash and crystals", pylons in moonlight are "frigid lattices". Such observation is pretty, but this poet is forever trying to wring Deep Meaning from it and his verse splinters into fragments of philosophy. Someone once described Tomlinson as a glum fellow trying to learn how to play the flute. There's little joy to his perceptions. The same goes for Douglas Dunn, but then Dunn has no flautist ambitions, and his Love or Nothing (Faber, £1.25) brings together poems in a good, plain voice. I like "The White Poet", which shows there is still stuff to be learnt from Laforgue, and "Ars Poetica", a fantasy about typewriters writing poems on typewriters: We are the Typewriter Muses, we

Dunn is a witty poet, inclined to let wit shape a poem when inspiration dries up. David Black relies more upon fancy. The Happy Crow (Lines Editions: Macdonald, Edgefield Road, Midlothian, 80p) shows him digging away in his own weird mine of sin and philosophy, often discovering nothing more interesting than a few Zen tags; but it also has a splendid poem ("The Water-plendid poem ("The Water-plendi Lily") in praise of the riches of the depths of unknowing, a handful of lyrics with an orig-inal pulse, and a longish poem called "Melusine" that is remarkable.

Strong.

Black is Scottish. His absence from Made in Scotland, edited hy Robert Garioch (Carcanet, £2.50 & £1.25) is a serious omission in an anthology otherwise notable for good poems by Robin Fulton, Tom Buchan, and Paul Mills. Stewart Conn's New Poems 1973-74 (Hutchinson, £2), the annual PEN anthology, more coherent than volumes in

this series usually are. Finally, magazines. The anniversary issue of the Quarterly Review of Literature is a paper back book (26 Haslett Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, £2), and testimony to the catholic but perceptive editorial judgment of Professor T. Weiss and his wife over the years since 1943. Wallvaper (11 Ascham Street, London, NW5, £1) is an avantgarde newcomer, full of sums and teasing stories, worth get-ting for a set of "Modern Sounces" by the poet Anthony

Robert Nye

Shopping around

● Elegant, understated style is missing from so many of today's clothes. There is little choice between the frankly dull or dowdy and the innovating, exciting designs that energize fashion but frighten off women of all ages.

Bernat Klein's catalogue features traditional British good taste invested with a dash of modernity in colour and fabric as well as styling. Timeless and ageless—flattering for most shapes, sizes and complexions—the range includes vibrant or subtle shades for the Scottish tweeds and worsteds for

day plus clinging fabrics for hostess gowns.

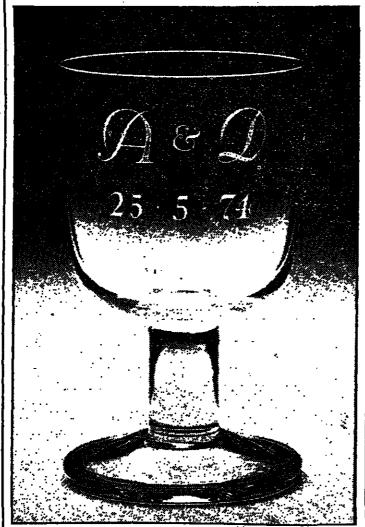
answers to questions, individual service, and that classic | There seems to be some ingredient of the customer always being right.

Prices reflect the quality. The versatile cape jacket illustrated here is £38. Well-cut shirts are £12. A cowl-neck evening gown in a romantic print is £25, with high neck and long sleeves for what may well be a hard winter in houses where heating is subject to some economic restrictions. The Klein fabrics are sold by the yard for home dressmakers and you can also order rugs, curtains, bedspreads and table linens. The address is Bernat Klein



 About eighteen months ago, I recommended some crystal glasses that could be initialled—they were in three or four shapes and engraved by Dent although sold through Barlow, the firm that does those named towels.

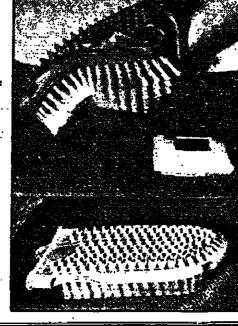
Dent is now doing its own thing under the guidance of its Heredities parent and sending out its own leaflets—a new one is ready any day now. It includes a whisky tumbler which works out at £3.45 with one initial. The goblets are Lune and Rawthey, traditional in shape but of different sizes at £6.40 and £5.80, with one initial only. Extra initials at 50p each and Zodiac signs at £1.75 extra. To get priority delivery within about three weeks, add another 95p. A new, fairly squat, rounded goblet of modern shape will be in the new leaflet. Special engraving orders can be undertaken—coat of arms, symbols, badges, emblems, etc. The address is Dent Glass, Risehill Mill, Dent, Sedbergh, West Riding of Yorkshire and personal callers are invited to the studio on Monday to Friday. Do not start comparing the prices with Mulberry Hall's Stuart Crystal, as the sizes and products are not comparable.



 A diagrammatic book on the maintenance and repair of bicycles should save both tempers and lives. I found it easy to follow and I'm no cyclist. Text and illustrations that cover 25 pages are taken from The Reader's Digest Repair Manual, and the book is published by lodder, Causton of St. Pauls House, 8/12 Warwick Lane, London EC4. Hodder does not sell direct but retailers can order from them The book is at many branches of W. H. Smith, some other large newsagents' shops and many bookshops. It costs 50p.

massage but a rub-down with the Massage-Glove is stimulating. A toughish plastic glove has stiff nylon bristles on one side which are not as harsh as the bristles of a new nailbrush but not firm enough to make the flesh and skin glow. On the other side is a knurled plastic surface to spothe away local ache The glove is really exhibarating but not drastic. In green, orange or red, it costs £1.80 plus 20p postage from Mailalot of 5 Penrhyn Road. Thames, Surrey.

■ It may not be



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even gardening tools as part of

against the time when I shall

have a real garden. I have col-

lected them partly because I use many of them, but mostly

because I gravitate towards tool

shops and I find myself tempted

to buy a good product.

Now my vulnerability has been attacked anew by a tool

catalogue called Mate. It is a very good catalogue with the

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chairman of the company and designer of the new Black and

Decker Workmate among other

things. The illustrations are ex-

cellent, highlighting special features of the tool such as "moulded handles" or "three

cutter tools". Portable lighting and running leads or portable

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chosen for their cheanness but

for their value, quality and per-

formance. That is obvious from

the catalogue. The prices of

Ron Hickman's chosen pieces are highly competitive, but do

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like steel rules, accessories and the like. The printed prices ex-clude VAT and postage or carriage are kept realistically

low. The catalogue costs you 15p. You keep it and when prices have to be changed, sep-

arate price lists are sent free to

keep in a pocket inside the back cover. There is a £1 voucher for

£15 order. The address is Mate

Tools, Brewery Road, Hoddes-don, Hertfordshire EN11 8HH.

Regular customers get free cata

■Mary Howard-Johnson found

it impossible to buy service-

able classic clothes in large

sizes so she went into business making for herself and others

like her. She employs five first

class tailors, all women, and insists on a high standard of workmanship. She has no cata-

logues but each garment is made in specified lengths to the

The material is quality Done-

gal Tweed, all pure wool or a

heavier-weight English tweed if

you prefer. The range starts

with a fully-lined cape in a

choice of three mixtures-Dark

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Brown/Camel with orange and off-white; Grey/Camel with wine and black. Lengths are 36, 38, 40, 42 and 45 inches. The price is £25 plus 30p postage.

There are two skirts, one

four-gore and one A-line in the

new lengths—choose from 23, 25, 27, or 29 inches long and

give other sizes. Prices are from £8.95 to £9.95 according to

size. Full-length hostess skirts

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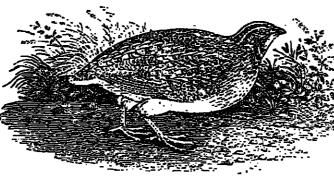
measurements you give.

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power points are there too.

bottom drawer" operation

been buying from Sprunks Farm



Good ideas are worth repeat- to the subject of quail. I have recommendation of the truckles because the birds are fresh and of delicious cheese from Chew- not frozen. If you have a freezer ton Farms, I am now returning you can safely freeze them your-

● For a Londoner, I have a ● The annual culling of the deer herds in wonderful collection of tools— Holker Hall's huge Deer Park has begun. You

But pause before you rush to be listed because the price is so low (venison fillets cost £2 per lb in London this week). The red and fallow carcases now are anything between 100lb and 2001b-half a carcase costs 53p per lb.

may wonder why this item of news should concern you. It does if you like venison which, in the hands of good cooks, can be delicious. At Holker Hall, they are now building up a venison list for those who want to buy a whole carcase of red or fallow deer at the reasonable price of 50p a lb. Jointed the price is 53p.

Later this year, there will be carcases of hinds at 100 to 200lb and of fallow does at 60

to 80lb, which is more manageable. Roe bucks, culled all through the year, weigh between 30 and 40lb while Roe does (November to February) are 20 to 30lb. Friends and neighbours with deep freeze cabinets might join in a venison-buying consor-

tium. At Holker Hall (pronounced Hooker) the carcases are put into chill at once but not deep frozen, so you get them in good condition for your own freezer. Each customer gets recipes.

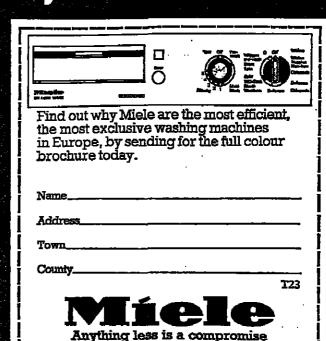
The snag is, of course, that this is a cash and carry offer, useful only to those who are pre-pared to drive to Holker Hall. If that includes you, get your name on the venison list by writing to The Estate Office, New Holker Estate Company, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands. Cumbria

The Briar Drier (this page last week) inspired a pipe-smoking reader to try drying out his pipe with his Rawplug electric soldering iron. He did and reports that it works well, confirming the Briar Drier claims that dried-out pipes are sweeter and cooler, burn better and become less malodorous (his family and best friends confirmed that)

His soldering iron, being used for a multitude of other jobs, makes a cheap pipe drier but the drying operation does make a stench so he suggests doing it out in a workshop or shed. The idea amused me and seemed worth passing on. But, before rushing out for the cheaper soldering iron, do check that the man who will receive it actually wants a soldering iron which is a rather uglier, clumsier thing to have around the home than the compact Briar Drier.



A Miele is just another washing machine like War and Peace is just another novel.



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decorative with old lettering and faded ' colours-at about £5 upwards, ideal for framing; then goes right on through all price levels up to real collectors' charts at £100. Susanna will try to hunt down charts of particular places for people who have patience and money and she would be helpful with knowledge and advice if investment is the main motivation for buying.

emphasis on boating today, so I

recommend old sea charts from

specialized in marine history

keen sailor.

Susanna Fisher, an historian who

at Greenwich and who married a

Susanna does about three lists of

charts a year and her next one should be ready by the beginning of November, so she can start taking names for it now. The list covers a mixture of purely decorative charts—and they are

The lists are not illustrated but I should think sea chart enthusiasts know how they look. Susanna Fisher is at Spencer, Upham, Southampton and her telephone number is Durley, Hants, 291.

 Jack Holt reckons to supply everything for the small boat and its sailor. The range of boating accessories and clothing should help solve Christmas present problems for water enthusiasts.
The thick catalogue of 96

Sheila Black

pages covers a multitude of prices from ditty bags at 95p to fleece-lined, waterproof wet-suits at £29. Postage is included when you buy by mail if it is a small element in the total price but postage and/or carriage would obviously be charged on heavy or awkward orders. The catalogue costs 35p from Jack Holt's shop (open for personal shopping too), The Embank-ment (1-mile upstream from Putney Bridge on the south side of the Thames), London, SW15. The telephone number is 01-788 9255.

● The Boy Scouts sell by mail— not only uniforms but a host of useful adjuncts of the camping and outdoor life. There are two mail order catalogues. One is Uniform, Trophies and Flags '74 and the other is Camping and Outdoor Activities '74. and Outdoor Activities '74. There is also a Book List. All three are free but please be understanding and do not order any you will not want as they cost so much to produce these days. The address is Scout Shops Limited, Churchill Industrial Estate, Lancing BN15 8UG,

• If you own a boat and have always longed for an Electrolux electrically-operated, flushing loo, there are 45 of them—formerly demonstration models—being jobbed off at Buyers and Sellers of 120 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 (01-229 1947). Originally more than £100, they are now going to anyone who offers over £60 or thereabouts. Also available are non-electric flushing loos (from Electrolux) at £35. In stock now at this shop that sells seconds in domestic appliances are a lot of the smaller Electrolux refrigerators for calor gas at from around £33 according to condition, plus one or two electric models. Stock may have changed by the time you get there, so telephone first. B and S just takes what it can sell at discounts, shoves it all in the shop, with no ittempt at display, and you forage.

self, either whole and raw in bags or pre-cooked in your favourite sauce. They have a really subtle flavour and are best kept simple. Mrs Beeton roasts them. In Provence, they stuff them with bread soaked in milk—just enough to be absorbed. The moist bread has herbs beaten into it—parsley and a hint of shredded onion are good together, but even in Provence garlic is avoided as being too strong for these delicate birds.

Sauces should not be too strong or too spiced, so stick to butter, white wine or orange juice (lightly laced with lemon juice) as bases. Garnish with watercress, oranges, grapes or any mild fruits. These young birds are so tender that the only

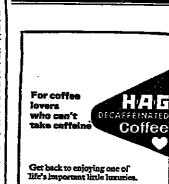
dinners or to give the hostess a chance to cook before guests arrive. They thaw fast from the freezer because of their small size and, for the same reason, can be cooked in a short time. Two make one good portion.

Compared with game and other gourmet meals, quail is

trap is overcooking them to dry-

ness, or roasting too fast. They keep well, in sauces in a covered dish, to serve at delayed

far from expensive. Even against more mundane meats, it still looks pretty reasonable. They cost, including postage, £4.80 per dozen—add 40p a bird if ordering more, but a dozen is the minimum order. The address is Nigel D. Mizen, Sprunks Farm, Knightons Lane, Duns-fold, Surrey.



Guide to election results to be declared tonight

Results are expected to be declared tonight in the constituencies set out on this page, which should be read in conjunction with the list of nominations published in The Times on October 1. Each constituency has the majority for the party winning the seat at the February election.

Constituencies are listed in accord with the Boundary Commission's report, which groups parliamentary seats in the Greater London area under the name of the London borough concerned, for example, we show Bromley, Ravensbourne, rather than just Ravensbourne. The constituencies concerned are cross-indexed, as well as certain constituencies in

other parts of the country like those on Teesside.

The first results are expected to be declared between 11 and 11.30 pm with Cheltenham and Guildford the favourites in the race to be first. Another dozen are expected between 11.30 pm and midnight and over 30 between midnight and 12.30 am Friday.

From then on the pace will be faster. Between 12.30 and 1 am between 60 and 70 declarations are expected; 1 am to

1.30 am between 120 and 130; 1.30 am to 2 am about 100; 2 am to 2.30 am over 90; 2.30 am to 3 am about 30; 3 am to

3.30 am over 20, leaving about 10 results, the last of which is expected between 4.30 am and 5 am.

A record total of 2,252 candidates has been nominated for the election compared with 2,135 candidates last February. The breakdown of candidates is as follows: Labour 626 including three Northern Ireland Labour Party contestants; Conservative 622; The Speaker 1; Liberal 619; National Front 90; Scottish National Party 71; Plaid Cymru 36; Communist Party 29; United Ulster Unionist Coalition 12; Workers' Revolutionary Party 10; Social Democratic and Labour Party 9; Alliance Party 5; others in England, Scotland and Wales 108; others in Ulster 14.

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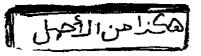
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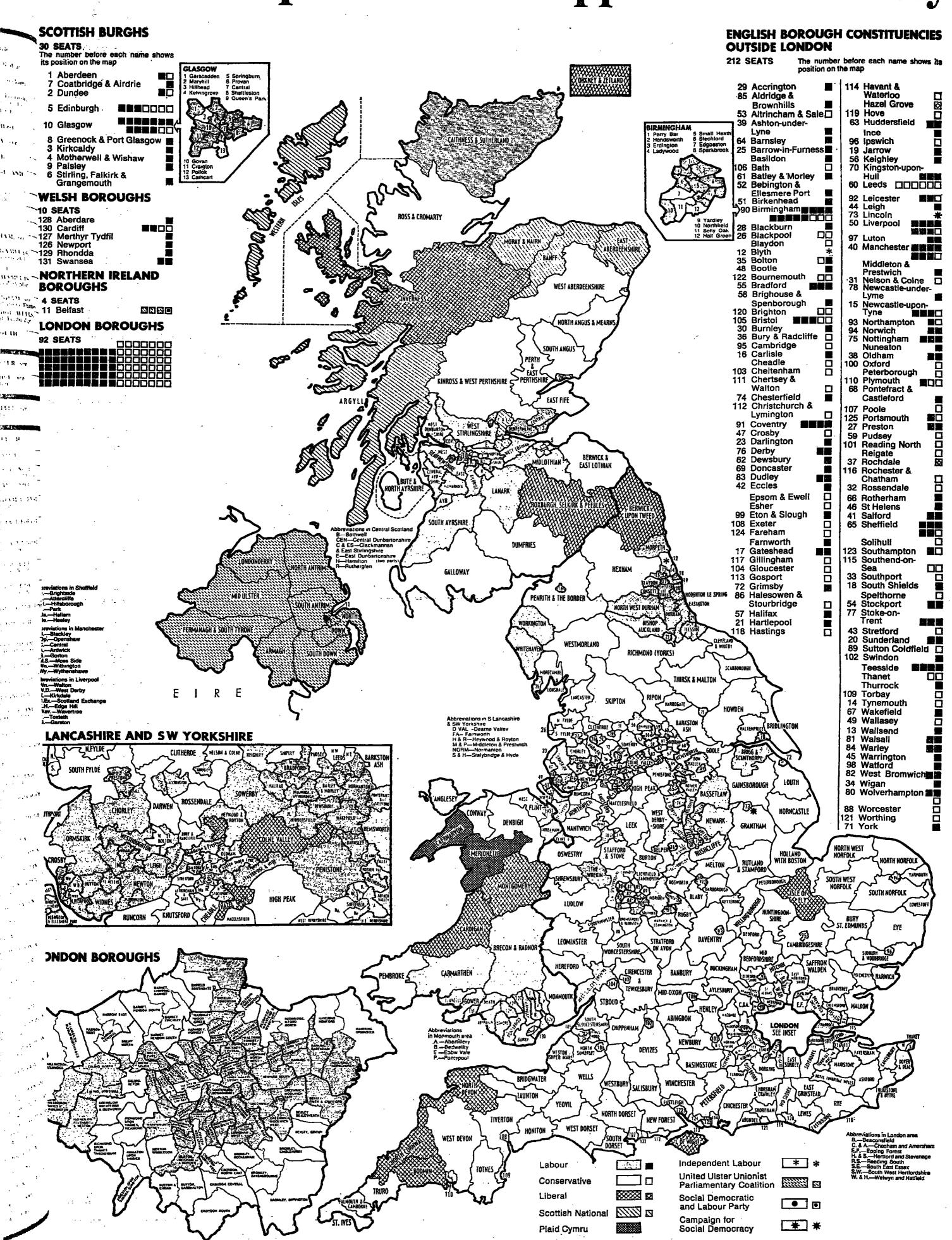
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Where the parties had support in February



Ronald Butt

Campaign styles that illuminate the choice

I do not recall a previous election campaign in which the style and substance have been so closely related to each other as they have been in this one-Indeed, in a real sense, the style has been the substance. and what the manner of the rival campaigns has revealed about the nature of the choice before the nation could be the determining influence over the

At the outset of the campaign. the weight of advantage seemed to be decisively if not over-whelmingly with Labour. An electorate which had refused to support Mr Heath against the support Mr Heath against the unions' determination to break his anti-inflationary defences in February seemed hardly likely to turn back to a Conservative Party whose policy had allowed this dangerous conflict to arise.

The polls all indicated Mr The polls all indicated Mr Heath's lack of popularity and the Labour Party had the social contract with the unions which

contract with the unions which alone seemed to promise some hope of industrial peace.

So inevitably the campaign began with Labour exuding an aggressive self confidence while Mr Heath and his colleagues

emed to be giving hostages to fortune in two ways. First, Mr Heath was already openly and repeatedly talking about coalition and the invitation he would repeat to Mr Thorpe.

Many Conservatives found Many Conservatives found this distasteful since it might

seem to encourage waverers to vote Liberal in seats where this would only damage the Tories. Secondly, the Conservatives, after Mrs Thatcher's mortgage pledge, seemed to be open to the accusation that they were bribing the electorate in a manner ill-fitting the gravity of the nation's economic plight. Yet it was at this moment

that Labour's real potential weakness became obvious as Ministers allowed their selfconfidence to spill over into an often ill-mannered and ill-tempered aggressiveness which seemed almost to indicate a collective personality flaw. Mr Crosland diminished him-self by acquire Mars Thatsh-

self by accusing Mrs Thatcher accept
of a "pack of lies" (which it answer obviously was not) and in calling her mortgage plans bribery; forget that protection for house-holders who are increasingly worried about being able to cope with rising interest rates could be as much a part of a national contract as Labour's concessions to the unions. And why should the one be more a bribe than the other?

Mr Healey, too, was quick to accuse the Conservatives of lies, even when he himself was naming a low inflation rate which was plainly misleading and Labour's campaign gradu-

that it could not fail; that there when it was put to the nation that the statutory wages policy was essential for national

survival. la contrast, Mr Heath's quiet insistence on analysing the gravity of the situation and on expressing the view that no one arty-not even his own-could hope to deal with it adequately alone, seemed much more realistic. His willingness to talk to all the political leaders has been in stark contrast to Mr Wilson's insistence on one-party government which was hardly made more convincing by the argument that the one party is itself a "coalition". For Labour's dependence on the unions—the sense that the whole point of electing Labour is to recognize and pay obeisance to their power— has become steadily more apparent as the campaign pro

As the campaign progressed, it became more and more obvious that Mr Wilson and his colleagues have taken their stand on the position; "L'état c'est Nous". Without them, they seem to say, there is no hope because they and only they represent the real power in the land—the unions, about whose intentions it is even sacrilegious to ask questions. It will be re-called that, a couple of reigns after that concept of govern-ment was voiced in Old France, there came the deluge.

Labour's unconcealed dependence on union power may, of course, bring it victory today because the nation has decided that it lacks the will to strike an independent course. Never-theless, Mr Heath's quiet campaign has seemed increasingly to be the only one that he could have waged and one which will leave him with his political integrity untarnished whatever happens. I have far from always agreed with Mr Heath's handling of politics and last February it seemed to me a recipe for disaster to stake everything on a statute that could not be defended if any key group of workers chose to resist it. This time, however, have increasingly admired the honesty and dignity of his cam-paign in insisting that there is no one single answer and that no one party ought to claim to

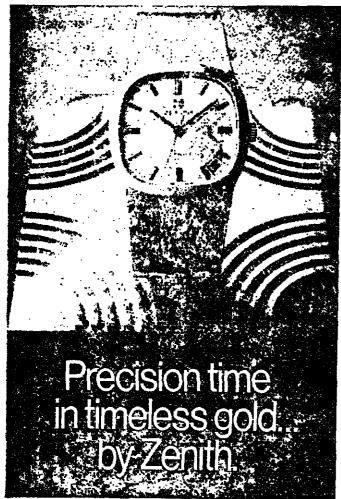
We have seen a reversal of roles since last February. Then the nation rejected Mr Heath's single answer because the nation cannot afford ever to say there is only one answer, or else chaos. Will it now accept Mr Wilson's single answer which has been increasingly revealed as both empty and truckent? Or will it take the view that the view the view that the view that the view the view that the view that the very insistence on single-party rule by Mr Wilson, when that party is more than ever dependent on a single interest in the state, is fundamentally divisive? Will it respond to the hector-

ing manner of Labour's cam-paign, with its insistence that if the nation knows what's good for it, it had better vote for the place where the big battalions are? Or will it be repelled by the Labour prefer-ence for party unity (which is why Mr Wilson dare not let it Mr Wilson insisted that the social contract was everything; that it could not fail shouth the would unity? Will it now the mity? even be thought that he would talk to Mr Heath) over national unity? Will it pay the socialist price that the Labour left is demanding as danegeld for an uncertain prospect of industrial peace; is it prepared for was nothing else—and therefore that questions about what
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than normal, has killed most of
them off. No insects, no swalpeople from the rest?

It is possible even now that. electorate may see in the humbler and quieter manner of the Conservative campaign a way towards a broader approach to politics, so that the authority Mr Wilson seeks is withheld from him. But even if the electorate decides today to bow to the facts of power which Labour seems to represent, it will not at all diminish the im-

portance for the nation of the case which Mr Heath has been



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The quality goes in before the name goes on.

A guide to key constituencies

Notwithstanding the big increase in votes for third party and Nationalist candidates. The ups and downs of these candidates in February, control of government will once third force parties distort calculations of the movement of again be determined in the 82 seats where the margin of votes between the Conservative and Labour parties. victory was less than 5 per cent last time.

Seats that must change hands if either major party is to win an overall majority in the next Parliament are listed in the table below.

To keep track of the progress of the parties, circle in red each seat that Labour holds or gains, and circle in blue each seat held or gained by the Conservatives. Unless you have a large repertoire of coloured pencils, a third colour must suffice for victories by any of the third force parties.

Marking crucial seats as the results are declared should provide a better guide to the election result than looking for a magic number in a swing table. Calculations of swing have been badly upset by the rise in votes for the Liberal

Labour majority

In order to have an overall majority in the next Parliament, 21 seats where it is less than 5.0 per cent behind the leader, as well as sweeping its "Must" column.

Upminster Southampton Test Bosworth Lichfield & Tamworth Croydon Central Welwyn & Hatfield Merioneth (PC held) Wellingborough Leicester South Acton Braintree Reading North Buckingham

Uxbridge

Liberals closest second

Bromsgrove & Redditch

For the Liberals to do anything better than make isolated individual gains, the party must take the bulk of the 18 seats below where it was within 10.0 per cent of the winner last time. Seats Conservative held unless otherwise noted)

Newbury Sutton & Cheam Aberdeenshire West Truro Leominster Skipton Chippenham Orpington

Labour must gain If Labour wins all the seats listed below, its numbers in the House of Commons would rise by 16, keeping it the single biggest party, but one short of an overall majority.

Peterborough Hemel Hempstead Nelson & Coine Northampton South Liford North Bury & Radcliffe Berwick & E Lothian Bristol NW Norfolk NW Brentford & Isleworth Rochester & Chatham Oxford Colne Valley (Lib held) **Bolton West**

Conservatives must gain If the Conservatives take all 21 of the seats listed below, the party will be the largest in the next House of Commons. But it

Leeds West (Lab held) Richmond on Thames Bedfordshire South Southend West Tiverton Caithness & Sutherland (Lab

held)

Plaid Cymru Labour.
The Plaid finished second,

The two seats held by the Plaid (Merioneth and Caernaryon) are both marginal seats for

within 20.0 per cent of the win-ner, in one seat:

If the pattern of voting in previous elections holds, the party that is forging ahead will lose virtually no seats already held in its two columns below. It will not sweep all the vulnerable seats of its opponent, because at every election there are always a few marginal seats proof against the tide. Each seat that a party fails to win in its "must gain" column must be offset by at least one victory in the "majority" column to be sure of a majority.

If the changes in seats are confined to the two columns headed "Laicur must gain" and "Conservative must gain" then there will be no party with an overall majority. The second row of seats identifies the constituencies

where Liberals, Scottish Nationalists, Plaid Cymru and Ulster parties are most hopeful of making gains. would still be one short of an "Must" column, the

Bodmin (Lib held) Sowerby Stockport North Portsmouth North Preston North Chorley Aldridge-Brownhills
Middleton & Prestwich
Coventry SW
Liverpool Garston Plymouth Devonport Loughborough York Berwick on Tweed (Lib held) Huddersfield West Norwich South Derby North Paddington Gravesend Edinburgh Leith

overall majority.

Conservative majority If the Conservatives can make gains among the 24 seats below

should have an overall majority. If it loses seats to third force parties, it will need to make compensating gains below.

Northampton North Ilford South Putney Brighouse & Spenborough Leicester East Glouc're West Edinburgh Central Boiton East ingswood Walsall South Belper Hazel Grove (Lib held) Thornaby Darlington Ealing North
Birm'ham Yardley
Brigg & Scunthorpe
Preston South Bradford West Renfrewshire West Battersea South Lewisham West Birm'ham Handsworth

Carmarthen (Lab held) 0.0%

Scottish Nationalists

The abnormally high swings by which the SNP won seats in February makes it difficult to adopt a specific criterion of marginality. The following list names the 10 seats in which the SNP candidate, whether second or third, came within 16.0 per cent of the winner. (Winner's name in brackets)

Glasgow Govan (Lab) Stirling, Falk'k & Grange'h

Stirling're West (Lab) Dunbarton're West (Lab) South Angus (Con) Galloway (Con)
Dunbarton're East (Con) Hamilton (Lab)

Ulster Two seats won by loyalists in

February could change hands because there will not be so many candidates splitting the vote for pro-Irish unity candi-

Mid-Ulster 9.9% Fermanagh & S Tyrone 17.2%

7.3 Professor Richard Rose

(Lab) West Lothian (Lab)

Bernard Levin

(My apologies to those planning to hang themselves before the weekend, but I have such a lot to say about the new Covent Garden Ring that it won't fit into this space, so despite my promise that you would be hearing from me on the subject today, you will have to wait until Saturday.

"The augurers tell me, we shall have news tonight." I shall await it in my usual semi-recumbent of getting my hair cut first, on the ground that if I am going to be guillotined as soon as it's all over I might as well be looking my best when I sneeze into the sack.

Meanwhile, there is a world elsewhere. "Starving swallows helped to cross the Alps ", said the headline, and the story underneath was fittingly exotic. It seems that the swallows which normally fly south at this time of year, the better-educated among them presumbly murmuring Goethe's Kennst du das Land, wo die Zitronen bluh'n as they go, are in the habit of pausing on the journey to take a bite at a convenient pull-up for swallows. No doubt the wisest ones stop at the swal-lovian equivalent of the Auberge du Père Bise, or, if they are short of the ready, a relais routiers with a casserole symbol in the margin. But it seems that wherever they stop, their diet consists entirely of insects. Well, it seems that the

You would expect that on elec-

tion eve the party leaders would be looking, either with hope or with trepidation, to the future. Instead, perhaps finding

that prospect too hard to take, their final campaign press con-ferences were dominated by

nostalgia.

swallows have been arriving at from anywhere in Switzerland, their usual restaurants to be to Italy or to the resort of your met, not by the usual smiling choice by the Mediterranean.

All you have to do is to get maître d'hotel, but by barred doors and shuttered windows, signs explaining that the place is closed because there are no insects to be had (no doubt the wittier of the restaurateurs in question have simply painted "No grub" on the gate), and

lows; the harbingers of summer have been starving in their thou-sands, and the Swiss authorities, without going so far as to say that unless the swallows are saved there will be no summer at all south of the Alps this year, have mounted a massive rescue operation. They have appealed to Swiss citizens to collect and feed exhausted birds and, as if that wasn't enough to convince nations elsewhere that they are entirely mistaken in their view of the Swiss as a dour and unemotional people, intent only upon the production of Toblerone chocolate (and why, while I am about it, can you not get the green-wrapped kind, which is the best, in this country?), over-priced drugs, cuckoo clocks and a special kind

of apple suitable for shooting off children's heads, they have

actually decreed that all swal-lows, for the duration of the

emergency, can travel free on

the Swiss railways. If you are a swallow, you can travel free,

somebody to put you in a card-board box and deliver you to the nearest station with a label on you. If you are a particularly adventurous swallow, you can even go free by Swissair.

So far, so good. The famished swallows are collected by the Swiss bird-lovers when these come back from their day's work yodelling or numbering bank accounts, and when sufficiently recovered off they go to the station or airport in a cardboard box, and it's heigh-ho for Calabria, Monte, Juanles Pins or Rabat.

But wait. Just as there is no rose without a thorn, no day without a night, no sin without remorse (though they are, I understand, working on that one), so there is a catch even in this; the appeal urges people to go to swallows' gathering places and there "shake the bushes and trees, or better, light fires under the latter's branches" to drive out insects for the birds to feed on. And at that point of course, the whole scheme comes up against well-known impersonation of Buridan's ass.

What about the poor bleed-

ing insects, then? It is all very well to say that the swallows will starve if they do not get enough insects to eat. But you cannot expect the in-sects to see it that way, and I am afraid you cannot expect me I am sure that it is a very

unpleasant thing for a swallow to starve or freeze; but I am sure that it is no less unpleasant for an insect to be eaten by a swallow, particularly if it is half-roasted first. And after all, the swallows' plight is none of the insects' doing. They didn't ask to be killed off by the cold and the wind, and they might well. the wind, and they might well ask-indeed, I do ask on their behalf—why, when that was happening to them, the Swiss Government was not offering them buckshee trips at the tax-payers' expense to the Costa meralda and points south.

were getting the better of the bargain, and I dare say the Christians thought so too. But afterwards with indigestion might have felt that there was more to the business, and in-deed to the Christians, than men the eye. Saki had a word for

Blasphemed when no such aid befell; A cat which feasted on that Thought Allah managed vastly

allowance for the Swiss coming along and taking sides. As Heisenberg used to say to me with that peculiarly unpleasant grating laugh of his when we were relaxing over a drink at the *Physicists' Arms*, it all depends on the observer. © Times Newspapers Ltd 1974 the spectators?

The sad tale I find hard to swallow

No doubt most Romans at the Colosseum thought that the lions

it: A mouse which prayed for Allah's aid

Pray not for aid to one who A set of never-changing laws; But in your need remember

He gave you speed, or guile, or claws.
But even Allah made no allowance for the Swiss coming

Reginald Maudling

There is no point in voting for a quiet life

My Dear Uncle Ernst.
I said I would write to you again at the end of the campaign with my latest impressions. When you read this letter we should all be going to the polls, and the result should be known within 24 hours. I am not going to try to predict what it will be: there are too many people doing that already, either as professional pollsters or com-mitted politicians. I must say, I do not understand all this passion for constant prediction, sion for constant prediction, I thought we had seen the end of it when Ted Heath got a right and left in Mr Wilson and Dr Gallup in 1970 (and I hope he does again; certainly if integrity, effort and determination count, he deserves to). But the polls have gone on; it seems that no self-respecting news-paper can do without one. The ultimate in whimsy to my mind, is the BBC, who claim to have spent large amounts of money on a computer which will predict the results accurately within half an hour of the polls closing. If they are right, which I doubt, presumably the viewers can all close down at 10.30 pm, leaving the great assembly of pundits and politicians to bedazzle themselves

I must confess it has been a pretty depressing campaign. The weather has been awful, with the rain falling heavier than the showers of leaflets. And I think, without doubt, people are wearied at a second election within such a short time. After all, the problems and the solutions cannot have changed all that much since February, except that to the ordinary man the problems seem to have got worse and the solutions less convincing. Do you remember Carmen Jones:

"If you want to light a fire where a fire was before, The coal you use must be new

No doubt there are good rea-sons for it, but the fact is there has been precious little new coal around.

What I have found different this time has been the number of people who are frankly be-wildered by claim, counter-claim, argument, and counter-argument. Of course there always are voters who feel this always are voters who feel this way, but I am sure there are more this time than usual. Mind you, who can blame them? Hegel said that "philosophy progresses not by finding the answers but by progressively clarifying the questions". (Or if the wasn't Hegel, it was that great it wasn't Hegel, it was that great Hegelian, Professor Mure.) Alas, in this election too many polinicians seem to have proceeded on the counter principle that your political position is enhanced by progressively obfuscating the questions.

I sometimes ponder on the relation between politics and philosophy. The trouble is that logical argument produces fewer headlines than aggressive statement, and counterstatement, While it is economics that earns, and rightly earns, the title of the nce : election broadcasts on economics), one has to accept with Caird that "The Owl of Minerva spreads her wings only with the approach of twilight Alas, the day of Plato's philosopher kings, or even philo-sopher politicians seems as far awat as ever

But perhaps there is more in the analogy between politicians and footballers. I have always thought that the British artitude to politics was closely linked to the British attitude to sport. There has always been a cup-tie atmosphere about an election campaign, the same heart warming loyalties, the same unwillingness to accept merit in one's opponents. Is it perhaps only a coincidence that the prestige and authority of Parliament and the prestige and conduct of British soccer are falling at the same time, and if there is more to it than a coincidence, is it not true that in either case it is the performance on the field that influences the performance of

&I prefer Labour's projected

Not that it is quite the same thing. Of course Harold Wilson and Brian Clough are not likely to change places, though might have been amusing if they had for a short time. Behaviour on the field is different Politicians do not openly embrace one another in success (think of Cyril Smith and Thorpe), and alas many referees blow eremy though many whistles, no one 'le actually sent off. How elso could Denis Healey have survived after his gross infringement about the 8.4 per cent rate of inflation?

Then there have been a number of own goals scored the time. Tony Crosland scored one or two in the mortgage field. Keith Joseph, I am sorry to say, nearly did the same. Why did he decide to produce his more. tary arguments just before the election? They were a gift to Harold Wilson, particularly when Keith was unable to show how his monetary policies could help to solve the immedian problem of inflation without problem of initiation without aggravating the immediate problem of unemployment. It is strange how many people neglect the basic principle of electioneering, that even your continuous continuous transfer supporter continuous and problems of the property continuous and problems. most enthusiastic supporter can not vote for you twice over. And then there was Enoch Powell the greatest own goal scorer of them all.

And so the campaign has proceeded, wet, a little dream and certainly adding more of confusion than to enlighter ment. We have had our moments of humour, pin ticularly from the Liberal Pany (though I must say I could have done without the sight of Cyri Smith licking a stick of rock so mammoth that it was almost his enough to fir him). We have had the Continuing Story of Jerem and the Magic (American Helicopter.

So far as our relations with the EEC are concerned, I donle if much harm had been done I know how much important you and our friend, Joseph will be shaken whatever the result of the election. There was a rather unseemly occasion when Mr Wilson puraded EE figures, supplied to them by Whitehall, as an independent reference for his economic arguments. I must say, I have heard of people before my writing their own references but it has normally been for rather more menial task than Prime Minister, and in any case, I thought it was a prac tice rather to be deployed Bu no harm appears to have been done. If the Conservatives with there is no problem. If the Labour Party wins, there will be troubles, but not a me problem: Britain's fate is settled by events not by possi-

But the real issue has been as I said to you in my previous letter, the issue of inflation unemployment, the issue. whether people should emp their monopoly power demand what they require a themselves, under the three that if disappointed they to bring a halt to the life of community. This was the problem in February, this is the problem now. It has to solved one day.

As I told you before, my few is that many people who we Labour will do so in the beist that they are voting for a qui thing as a quiet life any m for the people of this island Those who vote for a qui-life may in fact find, if the vote is the majority, that the opposite of what they desir May it not be so tonight. Your affectionate Neple

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The Times Diary

On eve of poll, nostalgia takes over

For the Conservatives, Edward Heath seemed to be dent, said nothing much seemed missing except a few silver cups.
Silver cups, I thought? What
have the Liberals won recently?
So I asked Holt privately and he harking back again to the spirit of 1939. "There will not be economic peace in our time" he said. Appeasement would not solve the crisis. Austerity so I asked not privately and he told me they were to do with "the women's federation, or something". Then he added: "One of them was given to my and sacrifice lay ahead. Then Margaret Thatcher weighed in sister-in-law for recruiting the most members". I like the Liberals' cosy family atmo-

She referred us all to her

nine unbreakable pledges, quickly correcting herself and reducing them to five. Were

there four she was not allowed

to make? She was at her finest when an earnest, bearded ques-

tioner pointed to some bare-

faced selectivity she had effected with statistics. She

looked at him witheringly and simply said: "Touché!"

letter-writer vote by twice mis-using the word "media". He

referred to something being " in

the press and on the media" and then spoke about "the tele-

Heath lost himself The Times

with some rather more pleasant memories—of Harold Macmillan and his hundreds of thousands of houses in the golden fifties.

Harold Wilson, for the other Nothing cosy about the Con-servatives. With the dismal Whitelaw banished to the regions, Heath appeared with his heavy mob—Margaret Thatcher and Lord Carrington side, was worse. He began with quotations from Churchill and Disraeli, then moved on to Cob-den, Churchill again, his (Wil-son's) father, Sir Alec Douglas-(seated on his right) and Sir Geoffrey Howe (on his left). Home (for whom he had warm words) and again Harold Mac-Carrington was not allowed to say much (remember Feb-ruary?) which left Mrs Thatcher millan, about whom he reminisced with affection. to speak out for the aggressive

Only Jeremy Thorpe, relayed clectronically from Barnstaple, looked forward. This election, he said, would decide whether things were to get better or worse. In one wildly euphoric answer (I think all that travel by helicopter might have affected his judgment) he was discussing in apparent seriousness the timing of his first budget

The attendance at the conference was back up to the standard of the opening day, possibly greater. Standing room only. At the Liberals, there was interest in the break-in at their party beadquarters and the possibility of a Watergate parallel. Arthur Holt, the party presi-

vision media". If he loses today, a stint as Diary Editor would be a useful corrective. After Heath had denied responsibility for the Liberal break-in, we all trooped in to watch Harold Wilson's last stand.

Wilson had brought only Denis Healey with him this time. Healey summed up the com-forting Labour message. "Patriotism sit well with determina-tion. It has nothing to do with despair." Wilson wound it up by telling us that he would miss the daily press conferences but that he thought two weeks was enough for a campaign-a sentiment which gained much support from reporters.

If speculation is to be believed, that might have been the last pre-election press confer-ence Wilson will ever host, win or lose. That is not the only reason I shall vote Labour, but he does cheer me up and I am a sucker for nostalgia.

Acrimony

Robin Young's final report from Sutton and Cheam: The cam-paign ended with a shower of paper and a ringe of acrimony as the parties delivered their last-minute leaflets last night and in the early hours of this morning.

The Liberal election address described Neil Macfarlane as "a went up faster under Conser junior backbench Tory MP still ives or Labour, Whitelaw not have time to go there.

dom seen or heard in Sutton or Parliament". Macfarlane rushed out a personal letter to every house in the constituency rebut ting the smear ("a completely untrue statement which would indicate the act of a desperate and irresponsible young man "), and he returns to the theme in his final leaflet (" campaign . . soured by unfounded personal attacks on me ").

Meanwhile a leaflet called The Hidden Face of the Liberal Party has been sent to many electors. It shows a South African baby bomb victim "of Liberal terrorism". Conservatives in Surton and Cheam say it is a disgusting document. Macfarlane calls it "fit only for the dustbin".
The talk at Liberal headquar-

ters is all of dirty tricks. The Liberals claim their telephones have been jammed and that once on their line they could hear Conservatives discussing tactics The Conservatives had William Whitelaw, the last big name

of the campaign, for a walk-about in North Cheam on Tues-day afternoon. "Where are all the people?" grumbled the man from Central Office. "We had a marvellous walkabout in Pad-dington 10 days ago. Every colour under the sun, wonderful pictures, but none of them could speak English."

Macfarlane said that North Cheam might not be crowded. but the people Whitelaw met were indigenous, and North Cheam and Worcester Park had been neglected in the campaign so far. Worcester Park is still neglected: after an argument in Sainsbury's about whether prices went up faster under Conservarives or Labour, Whitelaw did



Meadowland

In the Meadowland election, the three main party leaders have sent their eve-of-poll messages to voters:

Big Bunny: Remember February. Remember the three-day week. Remember myxoma-tosis. Remember what Bunny Shirley has done for your lettuce. And remember the hole the squirrels got us into.

Squirrel Ted: Our slogan is National Unity — Tomorrow's Salvation. NUTS to you. Hedgehog Jeremy: We have a perfect solution to the energy and every other crisis. I refer to our plan for all creatures to

hibernate from November April, as we do. We killions of creatures active want this plan to be carriout, but are so in thrall to uare not say so. We also plate to introduce each-way betting future elections. Watch out next week for result and pictures.

Sniff sniff

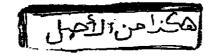
As you go to the polis, balan your election fever with reflection that the sixth and convention of the Chinese Sa Bottle Society of America, is being held in London week. It is being attended about 100 delegates, most them American and some wing Chinasan and some wing china ing Chinese snuff bottles 10 eir necks.

Bob Stevens, an American Collector who lives in Toly lectured on the autistic sut bottle collector. He has a lat and valuable collection keeps much of it in bank va He said: "Collecting is an addiction. You suffer to a state of autism—the inal to relate to reality. You live the past among old both There was something peculin bottles: "I love them, I can them, I hold them to

cheeks.* It is a dwindling market Chinese do not make bottles any more.

The BBC fear the worst note amending their program summaries for next Suitereds: "Gather ye rosebuth postponed."





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PRESIDENT FORD FIGHTS INFLATION

ing the North American economy with the United States is like being in bed with a well-meaning elephant. Europeans and others have noted that when the American economy catches cold they may well be visited by bouts of pneumonia. Nor is this surprising for an economy whose national output is greater than that of the whole of the enlarged Common Market and Japan added together.

President Ford's anti-inflationary package on Tuesday must therefore command the liveliest interest in all quarters of the globe. Unfortunately the probable impact of the measures announced by Mr Ford is far from clear. It is not even evident whether they will contribute to a faster or slower recovery from the present American recession and whether they will .. contribute to a faster or slower rate of inflation.

One reason for this obscurity is that while the President procoses the Congress disposes. The Congress faces mid-term elecions next month; and no action on the President's main proposals an possibly be taken before hen. When the present Congress econvenes after the elections to complete its business before the new Congress takes over in the new year, it may well be a "lameluck" Congress, that is so diferent in political colour from he new Congress as to lack the ecessary authority to carry brough any controversial

The new Congress which takes ffice in the new year may well, t least in the House, have such large Democratic majority that resident Ford's Republican olicies will not commend themelves to the new legislators.

act as any kind of rubber-stamp to any President's measures.

Some of President Ford's measures will almost certainly never be carried into effect. Others may be substantially changed before they reach the statute book. It would be surprising, for example, if a House dominated by Democrats did not wish to cut back the concessions to business proposed by the President and to temper the wind to those middle income groups who are asked to pay increased income

A second reason for uncertainty about the impact of the anti-inflation package lies in the measures themselves. The package includes both reflationary and deflationary measures. Moreover, some of the measures are merely cast in the form of proposals for further study, whose outcome is necessarily uncertain.

Politics being politics those measures which propose higher spending are more likely to survive Congressional debate than those which propose higher taxes, although there is probably also a bias against business and in favour of the personal sector. Improvement in unemployment benefits, other help for the poor and the 5 per cent surtax on companies seem therefore the most probable measures to be carried into effect, while the 5 per cent surtax on medium and upper incomes and the increased investment tax credit to businesses seem less likely to emerge unscathed.

It is also wholly in line with past experience in the United States, as in western Europe, to suppose that political choice will give higher priority to avoiding recession and serious unemployment than to combating infla-/hatever the complexion of the tion. By the time this decade is ew House it will certainly not out inflation may well have

reached such heights, after a temporary abatement in the middecade, that these priorities will be reversed. But in 1975 this is no more likely in the United States than in Britain.

The same priorities seem likely in the end to dictate monetary policy in the United States. It is true that Dr Arthur Burns, the semi-independent chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is still fighting a doughty resistance to inflation and has said that he will not countenance any substantial relaxation until effective counter-inflationary measures have been applied in non-monetary quarters. But he also said that "a credit crunch" will be avoided.

On present trends it looks as though Dr Burns will have some difficulty reconciling those two positions; unless the money supply expands significantly faster than the going very rapid rate of inflation, a "credit crunch" with the associated wake of bankruptcies and closures will develop within months. The guess again must be that political priorities will in the end prevail and that monetary policy will be relaxed to whatever extent is necessary to avoid a financial convulsion, in the United States again as in Britain.

All of this is consistent with the fulfilment of those "consensus" pre-package forecasts of the United States economy which predicted the present plateau in American output continuing into the first half of next year and beginning to rise gradually thereafter. This would imply that unemployment will rise quite strongly until next autumn and more gradually thereafter, but with inflation only responding slowly and marginally to the general emergence of buyers'

3REAKING UP FRENCH BROADCASTING

nmediately after his election st May, President Giscard Estaing promised to surprise te French with the scale and ipidity of the changes he would stroduce. One area in which he as certainly as good as his ord was the organization of rance's state broadcasting serces. Six weeks after he took fice his prime minister, M nirac, was able to announce oposals for the abolition of the French Broadcasting Office (RTF) and its replacement by id an audiovisual research initute. Barely a month after at the proposals had been ished through both houses of irliament, not without passion-e controversy, and had become

To act with such haste was to ke an obvious risk. The history the ORTF in the last seven ars had been a very troubled ie, riddled with political and ersonal animosities. In 1968 e strike of the ORTF was, for eneral de Gaulle and his suprters, one of the most trau-atic aspects of the "May ents". De Gaulle regarded ntrol of the ORTF as a trump rd in his hand. ("They have e press, I have the television", was once alleged to have said) ie revolt of the ORTF emovces under left-wing leaderip in the name of freedom of ormation, with the enthusiasparticipation of supposedly eliable" journalists, was thus itamount to a mutiny of the aetorian Guard.

The strike was therefore lowed by a firm "remise en ire" which included an tensive purge. Then in 1969 ere was a further reorganizan, this time in a more liberal ection, initiated by M Jacques aban-Delmas. News proaban-Delmas. News pro-immes on the first television

m Mr Rollo Charles and others

During the course of this cen-v, and increasingly during the t 25 years, Wales has for the

t time in its history developed international reputation in the

al arts. This rests not only on a names as Ceri Richards and

id Jones, but also on artists in

les who have in the past two

ades exhibited and been aimed in Scotland, Ireland, Ger-

ty, England, the United States,

land and France. In December schibition of the 56 Group Wales

open for three months at the

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art colleges of distinction, to attract and to retoin estab-

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channel became less obsequiously respectful of the government, to the intense irritation of Gaullist backbenchers. M Chaban-Delmas's downfall in 1972 was partly precipitated by the discovery of a major scandal in the ORTF involving clandestine advertis-

This time the heads of both the Chairman and Director-General of the Office rolled. President Pompidou reasserted his authority and appointed a highly political figure, M Arthur Conte, to take the Office in hand. Conte until then himself a Gaullist deputy, was bitterly attacked by the opposition. But a year later he transformed himself into a left-wing hero by publicly accusing the Minister of Information of political interference and so provoking his own dismissal by the President.

After so many upheavals, the new President might have been well advised to proceed with circumspection. But that apparently is not his way. He perhaps reflected that whatever measures he adopted were bound to arouse opposition from somewhere, and that the faster he acted the less chance that opposition would have to stop him. He has succeeded at least to the extent that the present strike is not aimed at reversing the abolition of the ORTF as such. The strikers recognize this as a fait accompli. But by demanding security of tenure for all the Office's former employees they make the creation of the new companies much more difficult and have already shown up some serious defects

in the new law. The government had sought to justify its very sweeping reform partly by referring to the ORTF's financial difficulties. A report drawn up by M Roger Chinaud, one of the new President's close political associates, described the "collapse" of the ORTF's accounting system and

accused it of taking no interest in the market value of its highbudget productions. Yet few people can believe that seven separate organizations, each with its own staff of highly paid executives, will actually work out any cheaper than the old centra-lized structure. Moreover, the government has now been obliged to accept the trade unions' argument that it was itself responsible for the ORTF's

Meanwhile M Marceau Long, the retiring head of the ORTF, has urged the heads of the six new companies to recruit no new staff until the question of the status of the existing staff has been settled; and the parliamen-"intergroup" on informatary tion problems has unanimously expressed its anxiety about the results of "the precipitate introduction of new state television and radio companies, which can only harm the legitimate interests of the employees and the production of programmes corresponding to the public's wishes ".

The President and his advisers may well feel that they are being treated unjustly. The new law is undoubtedly intended as a bold attempt to break the much-denounced much-denounced government stranglehold on broadcasting without bringing in commercial television, to which both the Gaullists and the left are strongly opposed. Yet apparently no one is satisfied. The Gaullists accuse the government of secretly preparing to bring in private enterprise at a later stage. The left complain that the heads of the new companies have been chosen by political criteria. The employees make both charges, and in any case are opposed to any reform which might threaten their own jobs. The controversy seems likely to outlive this President as it has the last two.

to Welsh art than this reversion to the very cause of the past poverty of Welsh culture: that from the Renaissance Wales had no teaching institutions of its own, but was dependent on the geographically close but culturally distinct schools

and colleges of England. If the recognition apparently now given to Welsh cultural nationhood has any meaning beyond superficial political expediency it is difficult to see how the denial of even one art college in Wales associated with the university or polytechnic can be justified. Yours faithfully,

Rollo Charles, Alun Oldfield Davies, Arthur Giardelli, John Piper, Dewi Prys Thomas, R. S. Thomas, Wynford Vaughan Thomas, David Tinker, As from the Golden Plover, Warren, Pembroke. October 4.

Threat of starvation

From Mr Peter Simpson Sir, I read with great distress the article in The Times of September 30 that millions face death by starvation in the coming year be-cause of a serious shortfall in this year's harvest, and I simply want to say this: is there a politician anywhere willing to take up this cause, which surely everyone must agree is far more important that any of the ssues being disputed in the present election campaign?

er status. Talented Weish As your article states, the solution would reasonably seek to lies with the West to either cut down whing could be more damaging its purchase of food or buy up

grains that would otherwise be fed to livestock and sell these on con-cessionary terms to the countries in need. America has no surplus this time and we have about three months to redistribute the world's food where it's needed. Will a British politician please act? Yours faithfully, PETER SIMPSON, Fair Acre, Upper Drive,

European poultry rules

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Sandelswood End,

October 1.

From Mr Ernest Wistrich Sir, The worries about European Community directives covering poultry, which were expressed by Mr John Marriot on behalf of public health inspectors are unfounded. He claimed that the directives of poultry inspections were due to apply from Pebruary 1976 and would increase prices and cause many problems to small producers.

The facts are that so far as Britain is concerned the Commission has now proposed a delay to 1980 before the system is applied in Britain, whereas the British negotia-tors are actually asking for 1982. Whether this system will at all apply in six or eight years time is a matter for conjecture. In any case there is plenty of time left for public health inspectors to make their case in Brussels Yours faithfully,

ERNEST WISTRICH, Director, The European Movement, Europe House, 1a Whitehall Place, SW1. October 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election issues: problem of choice facing the voters

From Mr Michael Rubinstein Sir, Each of the three main parties advocates some policies which I would support and some which I would oppose. Other people who are as yet undecided how to vote may prefer the policies of which I do not approve, and vice versa. When invited to vote for a Conserva-tive candidate if one favours a coalition in principle, the voter may well wonder whether he would not be voting into power a Government which, when the time comes, will seek to promote only or mostly those policies which he himself would not wish to support

A wider basis of common agreement may be taken for granted for a war-time coalition. In present circumstances a coalition is inappropriate precisely because of the absence of general agreement on the best practical methods to deal with a variety of crises, in relation to all of which voters feel—and, whether they admit it or not, politicians are—relatively ignorant and helpless. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN, 5 & 6, Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn, WC1. October 4.

From Mr Peter Cowell Sir, Mr Bingham writes (October 9):
"As a lifelong Tory, I believe it
would be extremely damaging to
the real interests of my party if we
were to win the general election"
herause, for one research the Tory. because, for one reason, the Tory party might be destroyed by the coming crisis, and he concludes: "For these reasons, Tories will do a disservice to their party if they vote Tory on October 10." Mr Bingham puts his party before his

country.

As a lifelong Briton, I believe it would be extremely damaging to my country if the party least able to deal with the crisis were to win and the party best able were to lose the general election. If the party best able to deal with the crisis were to win and, in saving my country from disaster, were to be destroyed in the process that is small loss com-pared with the great gain of saving my country.

For that reason Tories who consider their party to be the best able to deal with the crisis will do a disservice to their country if they do not vote Tory on October 10. Yours faithfully, PETER COWELL,

3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. October 9.

From Lord Netherthorpe

Sir, The fate of our nation hangs in the balance. Polling day on Thurs-day will decide whether we face the current economic crisis with resolution through national unity of purpose or accelerate the slide to-wards catastrophe through failure to recognize the gravity of our pre-dicament and allow selfish sectional interests to tear the nation apart. Any prudent housewife who shares control of the family purse strings knows full well that when her financial prospects are in a precarious state firm action has to be taken to redress the position. Either earnings must increase or outgoings earnings must increase or outgoings be reduced by spending less, or a combination of both. The alterna-tives are either insolvency, living on credit, or acceptance of a lower

standard of living.
So, too, with the nation and as of now Britain is in a sorry plight. The analogy is complete in that as a nation we must earn more currency overseas through increasing exports of goods and services and spend less overseas by saving imports, no least through expanding our agri-cultural production which in itself is a certain import saver. All national resources need to be employed effectively to generate the greatest possible national wealth. Without any doubt the private sector, including agriculture, produces the greater part of our national wealth. Its maximization is imperative if we are to be able to provide for the social needs of our populace and the capital fund-ing for growth and development in nationalized industries as well as the necessary new investment needed within industry and com-merce in the private sector.

Labour Party and certainly the trade unions have no right to

claim that they hold a monopoly of the social conscience of Britainindeed on the contrary. Every thinking person is desirous of im-proving the lot of his fellow men. Prudence in the deployment of available resources for these purposes, however, must be exercised so that the ability of the nation as a whole to continue to fund their provision is not jeopardized by overloading the machine either too heavily or too rapidly so as to cause

the national engine to "stall".

This is a risk which must be minimized. The role of government therefore must be to facilitate and not inhibit the growth and develop-ment of the wealth creating potential of goods and services, particularly in the private sector, but naturally also in the nationalized industries and public services. The avoidance of unwarranted inter-ference by government in the pro-ductive endeavours of wealth producing enterprises is vital national well being.

national well being.

To secure the necessary political, economic and financial climate within which fruitful effort can be nurtured is vital. Thus Mr Edward Heath's proclaimed intention of seeking national unity of purpose is to be acclaimed and, I trust, fostered. Support for him to this end by returning a Conservative candidate is the best assurance whilst support for the concept of national unity at this perilous time is a must.

is a must. Yours faithfully, NETHERTHORPE, Hadley Hurst, Hadley Common, Barnet, Herrfordshire, October 7.

From Mr Auberon Waugh Sir, Having been denounced with others by Mr Bernard Levin, I think unfairly, for having "giggled and squeaked" our way to the conclusion that no useful purpose would be served by voting in the present election, may I clarify the attitude of the present of the plane. of at least one of the eleven million-odd citizens who won't have voted when the count is finished?

I do not doubt that catastrophe is imminent, merely that our parlia-mentary institutions offer any credible programme to meet it.
Under the circumstances I do not see that the survival of our party system in its present form is beces-sary or even particularly desirable, nor am I particularly frightened by thought that the final collapse will be presided over by the left.

What will emerge after the new parliament has been thrown into the Thames is bound, in the nature of things, to be some sort of Gaullist constitution, requiring a man of wisdom and stern moral fibre at its helm. No doubt other candidates will be suggested but offhand I can only think of you, Sir, or Mr Levin. Be comforted that I will be the first to strew rose petals in your path. Squeak, squeak, AUBERON WAUGH, Combe Florey House, Somerset

Effect of nationalization From Air Commodore Sir Frank

Sir, Isn't it time that the Labour leaders told us in what way nationalization is supposed to help this country out of its economic difficul-ties? There is, of course, the underlying implication that the militant trade union leaders want it, and if they get it, they will stop disrupting the national economy.

We have seen all too often that nationalization confers immense power on the union leaders in the nationalized industries. So much so that they can hold the nation to

It surprises me that it seems not to be generally realized that the nationalized industries are every bit as important to national security as the armed forces and should be regarded as such. Even to the point where the fomenting of unrest and disruption on the railways, in the mines, power stations, etc. should be treated as sedition, and that, in the national interest discipline should be enforced as it is in the fighting services. It should not be possible for the actions of four signalmen to disrupt the operations of the

Twere ever thus

From Mr F. A. Rush Sir, I have received, through channels which it would be tedious to trace (except to assure you that I am no medium), the following communication from James Anthony Froude (1818-94), late Regius Professor of Modern History in the University of Oxford.

He is persuaded that he would erform a posthumous service to his country at this time by reproducing a number of extracts from material written about the year 1870 and contained in his Short Studies on Great Subjects. A letter in The Times would, he thinks, introduce an element of historical perspective of benefit to all its readers. I forward the extracts in accordance with

his wishes.
"The state is split in two. Parties form which have an interest of their own beyond the interest of the community. The Conservatives, to pre-vent the alienation of their friends, defend the indefensible, and cling obstinately to the abuses which they ought to abhor: while the Radicals invent new theories of Government, and fly passionately at principles which lie at the root of social organ-ization. The more sober-minded on either side rely on their antagonists to correct the excesses of their own extravagance: yet, instead of acting as a check, each section, by its one sidedness, excites and justifies the violence of the other. The result is a waste of power in a perpetual battle; the practical ability of statesmen is neutralized for all purpose of guid-ance and authority by their mutual antagonism, the State itself meanwhile drifting before the prevailing

"The state of things among us has been called anarchy plus the policeman. Luxury is encouraged as a stimulus to labour. . . Personal morality is the affair of the individual . . . A tenderness is creep-ing up towards murderers and rogues of all kinds. Armies of

burglars are perfectly well known to the police—men who make no pretence of having other means of livelihood. To commercial fraud we are yet more tender. . . . Where money is the measure of worth the wrong persons are always upper-most... No prudent man will now venture to walk in the London streets unless his will is made, his affairs in order, and a cardcase is in his pocket that his body may be identified. . . .
"Government is inefficient. . . . It

changes so frequently that a minister is superseded before he comes to understand his work. Mr occupied incessantly with petty thoughts of how he can keep his party together. He must fawn and flatter, and make himself common upon platforms, and give honour where honour is not due, and withhold it where he knows it should be bestowed. He is little less helpless than the meanest (of the electorate) to do what he knows their welfare demands. . . . Able statesmen can usually see further than the multitude. They are employed by half the nation to beat the other half, and are to know no other obligation. The

country represent each a form of thought which is the complement of the other. Her Majesty's Government is incomplete without Her Majesty's Opposition. It may be difficult, but it cannot be impossible, to unite the energies which are now exhausted in neutralizing one another, and make available such political intelligence as we possess for some more wholesome and enduring administration. We must not and cannot remain at the mercy of parliamentary intrigues or the transient gusts of popular opinion."
Yours faithfully,

F. A. RUSH, 141 Salmons Lane, Whyteleafe, Surrey. Southern Region of British Railways,

as recently happened.
When are any of our political leaders going to have the guts to grasp the nettle and say that no member of a nationalized industry or the Civil Service may belong to a trade union. As long as recruitment is voluntary, wages, salaries and conditions of service would have to be good enough to attract the necessary manpower.

As for nationalization itself, I was once a socialist and firmly believed in it. I was naive enough to think that the sense of national service would generate a morale, tradition, and esprit-de-corps comparable with that of the fighting services. The very opposite has happened. I thought that everyone would cooperate in the "social body" as do the cells in the human body. I overlooked two basic weaknesses in this argument; first, that the body structure has taken millions of years to evolve and, secondly, that over-specialization of such organs as the brain, heart, etc, makes it all too easy for a mortal wound to be

As many will know, I have had personal and bitter experience of the effects of nationalization when Power Jets Limited was nationalized

Power Jets Limited was nationalized by Sir Stafford Cripps in 1944, and then all but a rump of the government company was changed into the National Gas Turbine Establishment in 1946. These events set back jet development in the United Kingdom by many years.

Our plans for power plant for the experimental supersonic Miles M52 came to nothing when the contract for the M52 was cancelled. Even worse, our high by-pass turbo-fan engine, the LR1, was stopped and we, who founded the jet aircraft industry, were deprived of the right to design and develop engines. The much quieter turbo-fan now The much quieter turbo-fan now dominates the jet aircraft world after an unnecessary delay of at least 20 years (my first turbo-fan patent dates back to 1936). Further, millions of pounds of the tax payers' money has been spent on the NGTE and what is there to show for it compared with what we did with about £100,000 (starting with £2,000 of private money)?
Yours faithfully, FRANK WHITTLE, Walland Hill, Chagford.

Mathematics of democracy

From Mr Bernard Dix Sir, Now that Lord Carnarvon has demonstrated the mathematics of democracy with his brief essay on trade union elections (October 3) perhaps he would care to comment on the study in the current issue of Lloyds Bank Review which estimates that the average attendance of shareholders at company annual general meetings is 0.27 per cent of the total?

It may well be that Lord Carnarvon will argue, as have others, that there is a difference in that shareholders cast their votes on the basis of the capital they have invested in the company and it is therefore posthe shareholders to represent the majority of capital. In which case it would be interesting to have another brief essay from Lord Carnaryon on the relationship be-tween democracy and wealth, which is a matter of considerable interest to trade unionists during the current general election campaign.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD DIX, Research Officer, National Union of Public Employees, Civic House, Aberdeen Terrace, SE3.

The arts and VAT

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas Sir, Mr K. Gosling, your arts re-porter, states that Labour propo-ses to remove VAT from the creative arts. While, of course, I would welcome this, the truth is that although Mr Hugh Jenkins has publicly stated that he has been pressing the Chancellor to free the arts from this tax, there is, unfortunately, no commitment of any kind on the point. On the other hand, the Conservative Party has made a specific pledge to support the proposal of the European Commission that the arts, including the work of the living artist, should be freed from VAT. As soon as this becomes European Community policy we hall follow in Princip. shall follow it in Britain.

Neither the Labour Party nor the Liberal Party has given any such undertaking. Yours faithfully, NORMAN STJOHN-STEVAS,

1 Hampstead Square, Hampstead, NW3.

ITN pay settlement From the Editor of ITN

Sir, Mrs Elizabeth Mason (October 9) is unjust to accuse News at Ten of double standards in giving details of the Ford pay offer and staying silent on ITN's own settlement. Normal news values were strictly applied to both stories, regardless of ITN's involvement. 53,000 Ford

workers are affected, compared with 75 ITN journalists, and there is no reason to suppose the social contract was breached in the ITN case; the settlement was at 19 per cent with various complicated improvements to special payments for work peculiar to ITN journalists: there was a public statement to this effect. Why did we not say all this in News at Ten? If a newscaster talked non-stop through a News at Ten programme he could deliver almost 3,000 words: The Times (which carried the statement) prints about 130,000 words of news and sport daily. ITN has to give priority to the most important news—the general election campaign, for example. Yours faithfully, NIGEL RYAN,

Independent Television News Ltd, ITN House, 48 Wells Street, W1.

Sign of the times

From Mr B. S. Nelson From Mr E. S. Nelson

Sir, The Times may cost the same as one share in British Leyland, as writes Mr T. Green (October 3), but it is still cheaper than a cup of British Rail coffee. Yours faithfully, B. S. NELSON, 30 Denton Grove, Walton-on-Thames Surrey.

Needless fatalism about inflation

From Professor J. P. Stern Sir, It is misleading and mischievous for journalists and politicians to harp on the parallel between the German hyperinflation of 1923 and the present situation in this country. The causes of the German inflation were either the opposite of, or irrelevant to, those of the current British inflation: among them was the desire to pay off reparations on the cheap. Demands for higher wages were not among these causes, if only because the German workers had no negotiating power; on the contrary, manufacturers hoarded goods and used their power to hold

the workers to ransom. It is equally nonsensical to say that the German inflation created Hitler: in fact some nine years elapsed between the Schacht-Luther financial reforms which cured the

financial reforms which cured the hyperinflation, and the National Socialist assumption of power in February 1933.

Nothing, it seems to me, is so frightening in the present situation as these professions of historical fatalism. Peoples' conduct is determined not by what happened in a previous situation which these thinks. previous situation which they think is similar to the present, but by their belief that their conduct is determined by a previous situation they think similar.

Yours, &c. J. P. STERN. epartment of German, University College London, Gower Street, WC1.

Katyn memorial

From Olive, Lady Antrobus Sir, If any doubts about the pro-priety of erecting the Katyn Memorial remain in anyone's mind, they must have been dispelled by the two letters you published in your issue for October 2. The Rector of St Luke's put forward a number of paltry reasons against this monument, and in contrast the two Polish chairmen replied with quiet dignity, and with a touching sense of gratitude, as guests in our country. Surely, we have a duty, as their hosts, to give them the very little thing they ask, in some small re-turn for all they did for us at our hour of need.

I greatly hope that the letters you are publishing will enable the Church to see the matter in a more charitable and proper light. Only the Church can provide hallowed ground, and thus, in part, ensure a more sancrified place for remembrance, than mass-graves of Katyn. Yours faithfully,

OLIVE ANTROBUS, West Amesbury House, Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Police opinions in court

From Mr Barry Mordsley Sir, With reference to Dr T. L. Hobday's letter (September 28), there is an obvious reason why officers should not expra their views in court regarding sentence while probation officers should. In our accusatorial system of justice, the police act as prosecutors whereas the probation officers act as impartial advisers to the court. It is a fundamental tenet of our legal system that the prosecutor should not act as a judge in his own cause.

Yours faithfully, BARRY L MORDSLEY, Lecturer in Law, School of Business Studies, City of London Polytechnic, 84 Moorgate, EC2.

Detained in Chile

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman and Mr David Stephen Sir, You reported on September 28 that Anselmo Sule had been rearrested in Chile. This is a blow to those who hoped that the anniversary of the military coup on Sep-tember 11 would signal the restoration of human rights to those

who supported the former govern-

Sule is a respected leader of the Radical Party, which was a moderat-ing influence in Allende's Popular Unity coalition. The Radical Party is a democratic socialist party, like the British Labour Party, and, along with it, a member party of the Socialist International.

Sule's release on June 28, after imprisonment without charge or trial for nine months in conditions of extreme hardship at Dawson Island in the Antarctic and detention incommunicado in an army barracks, was welcomed as a conciliatory response to protests from outside Chile. When we were in Chile (on behalf of the Socialist International) in August we were able to talk freely with him.

But his renewed detention, the continued detention of thousands of others, waves of new arrests in recent weeks, and persistent reports of killings and tortures, make it only too clear that the Junta's policy of rule by terror has in no way changed. The need for external pressure to restore human rights in Chile is as great as it has ever Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY BINDMAN DAVID STEPHEN, 249 Grays Inn Road, WC1.

Planting trees

From Mr Antony Turner

Sir, Mr R. S. Hopking's suggestion (October 5) that we should all plant acorns before October 10 recalls a story told about Marshal Lyautey, the distinguished French soldier and Colonial Administrator.

General Lyautey, as he was then, was appointed Resident Général in Morocco in 1912. One of his first orders was that an avenue of cypresses should be planted without delay in front of the Residency. When an aide protested that it would be 50 years before the trees grew to any maturity, the General is said to have replied: "Well then, there is not a moment to lose." Yours faithfully, ANTONY TURNER, Hill House Farm,

Beare Green, Nr Dorking, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE October 9. The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Royal College of Organists' Dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

Miss Jame Pugh was in Miss Jane Pugh attendance.

The Duchess of Kent will lay the foundation-stone of the extension to the Carlisle swimming baths and will open the Cumberland Federa-tion of Women's Institutes' Exhi-bition in Carlisle on November 22.

Birthdays today

Sir Arnold Ennor, 62; Sir Herbert Janes, 90; Professor Charles Madge, 62; Dr Roger Manvell, 65; Sir Albert Margai, 64; Mr Harold Pinter, 44; Sir Lindsay Ride, 76; Mr Reginald R. Tomlin-son, 89; Sir John Wilson, 76.

Church news

Luncheons

British Council British Council
Mr' J. D. B. Fowells, Assistant
Director-General of the British
Council, was host at a luncheon
held yesterday at the Hyde Park
Hotel in honour of Dr Sjarif
Thajeb, Minister of Education and
Culture, Indonesia.

West Africa Committee

The West Africa Committee gave a luncheon yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Ghana at the Travellers' Club. The chairman, Mr W. T. G. Gates, presided.

Dinners

Admiralty Board The Admiralty Board entertained Vice-Admiral E. Cioppa, Head of the Naval Section, Defence Support Division, Nato, and Mrs Cioppa, at dinner at Admiralty House last night. Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin presided, accompanied by Lady Griffin, and among those present were:

Vice-Admiral and Mrs J. G. Jungins. LHOSE present were:
Vicc-Admiral and Mrs J. G. Jungius,
Gaptain and Mrs P. D. Nichol, Capitain
and Mrs G. V. P. Crowden, Capitain
I. S. Margillivray, Capitain and Mrs
D. P. Barker, Commander and Mrs
D. J. Long, Commander and Mrs D. B.
Isologan

Marriages Hon Brinsley Le Poer Trench and Mrs M. A. Spong The marriage took place quietly London on October 9, between the Hon Brinsley Le Poer Trench and Mrs Mildred Alleyn Spong.

Mr A. Bamford and Miss C. Whitt

and Miss C. Whiti
The marriage took place on
October 3 at the Church of the
Holy Rood, Edwalton, of Mr
Anthony Bamford, elder son of
Mr and Mrs J. C. Bamford, of
Wootton, Ellastone, near Ashbourne, Dechyshire, and Miss
Carrie White only daughter of Mr bourne, Derbyshire, and Miss Carole Whitt, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Whitt, of Edwal-

Mr R. A. Cookson and Dr E. A. M. Aitchison The marriage took place quiety on Saturday, October 5, at Chelsea Old Church, between Mr Roland Cookson and Dr Anne Aitchison. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

officiated.
The bride was given in mar-riage by her brother, Mr Gavin Reed, and Professor Richard Cook-son was best man.

Mr J. Crookshank and Mrs D. Green The marriage took place quietly on October 5, at Chichester Register Office, between Mr John Crookshank and Mrs Diana Green.

Mr M. Park and Miss A. G. Graham The marriage took place at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday, of James S, Pictauniy, yesterday, of Mr Mungo Park, son of Mr and Mrs Mungo Park, of Carraig Breac, Baily, co Dublin, and Miss Anna Georgina Graham, daughter of Major and Mrs J. P. N. Graham, of Kilifi, Kenya.

Mr R. W. Wagstaff and Miss V. M. H. Temperley The marriage took place quietly on Saturday at St Anselm's, Kennington Cross, of Mr Robert Wagstaff, son of Mrs M. Lewis, of Higham Ferrers, and the late Mr E. Wagstaff, and Miss Virginia Temperley, only daughter of Pro-Temperley, only daughter of Pro-fessor and Mrs H. N. V. Temper-ley, of Thorney, Langport,

Lord Chancellor

The Lord Chancellor gave a din-The Lord Chancelor gave a con-ner last night at Lancaster House in honour of members of the French judiciary. The guests included:

M Reliquet. Avocat-General of the Cour de Cassalion, and Mme Reliquet. Juge Borgeret. Court of Appeal, and Mine Bergeret. M Le Procureur de la République Tabulcau and Mine Tabulcau: the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Nidgers, the Procudent of the Family Division and Lady Eaker and the Vice-Chancellor and Lady Plowman.

Mr M. R. Nathan

3 Course Dinner

London is a lonely, friendless place for the home-

less and for many of the old people who have been left

behind in dismal rooms. Some are just bewildered by

life today, some are problem people. All of them need

friendship even more than material aid-though plenty

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WINTER

After the opening of the George Ravenscroft and 300 years of Lead Glass exhibition at the Science Museum yesterday, Mr Michael R. Nathan, the Master of the Glass Sellers' Company, gave a dinner

Society of County Secretaries

The first annual dinner of the Society of County Secretaries was held at the Law Society's Hall, WC2. yesterday. The guests included Mrs Elizabeth Coker, Vice-Chairman of the Association of County Councils, Sir Donglas Allen, Head of the Home Civil Service and chairmen of county councils, Mr Dennis Butler, County Solicitor and Clerk of the Wiltshire County Council and chairman of the society precided

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. G. Quarrelle and Miss S. M. L. Le Bailly and Muss S. M. L. Le Banly
The engagement is announced between Lieutenaut Nicholas Quarrelle, Royal Artillery, son of Mr
and Mrs R. B. Quarrelle, of Woodberry Lane, Rowlands Castle, and
Susanna, eldest daughter of
Vice-Admiral Sir Louis and Lady
Le Railly Le Bailly.

Mr S. E. Anstey and Miss J. M. Sedgwick Rough and mass J. M. Sedgwick Rough
The engagement is announced between Simon Edward, son of
Brigadier and Mrs E. W. Anstey,
of 132 Stormont Road, Scone,
Perthshire, and June Maribel,
daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G.
Sedgwick Rough, of Queenbury,
Reed, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. F. B. Bell and Mrs M. C. E. Harwood The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place of Mervyn Bell, Stocks House, Walberswick, and Mary Harwood, widow of Alfred Henry Fairfax Harwood, Redmay, Wal-

Surgeon Rear Admiral (D) A. E. Cadman and Miss M. C. Macdonald

and Miss M. C. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Surgeon Rear-Admiral (D)
A. E. Cadman, QHDS, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Miss
Mary Macdonald, Superintendent,
WRNS, elder daughter of the late
Mr A. H. Macdonald and of Mrs
G. M. Macdonald, of Ceres, Fife.
The marriage will take place
quietly in the new year.

Mr R. M. Clark and Miss M. C. Sbennan The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr Kyrle Clark and the late Mrs Carrie Clark, of Reigate, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shennan, of Merstham, Surrey.

Trafalgar

criticized

By John Young

York

optimism.'

was unpreachable.

Planning Reporter

Square plan

Plans for the redevelopment of the south-east corner of Trafalgar Square, London, are already embroiled in controversy, although the details were submitted to Westminster City Council only yesterday and do not go on public display until next Monday.

An article criticizing the plans, in this week's issue of The Archi-

tects' Journal, was described by

Colonel Richard Seifert, one of the

The setting up of an institute of

theology at a university with the aim of achieving greater unification of Christian thought was urged at

or Christian mought was light at York Convocation yesterday.

The suggestion was put forward during a debate on what the Bishop of Durham, Dr John Habgood, described as the growing gulf between academic theologians and parochial clergy.

The Rev Peter Cornwell, also of the Durham diocese, suggested that one of the reasons for the gulf was the absence of a dogman.

He said: " To parish clergy the

theologian seems to exist in a cloud world of theory; to the theologian parish priests sometimes appear more interested in communication than truth.

The priest was afraid that the theologian, in remaking Christian doctrine, had remade a gospel that

"Only when a deeper sense that

the whole church is engaged in the common task of perceiving and articulating the gospel will the gulf be bridged."

Mr Cornwell said the church bud

spent pitifully little on teaching theology and that the institute he

was suggesting would produce the sort of theologian it needed.

York Convocation told of

need for dogmatic theology

Convocation

the golf course.

Mr C. J. Crockett and Miss J. Newbery

The engagement is announced be-tween John, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Crockett, of Northampton, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. K. Newbery, of Lintons, Summerhouse Road, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr A. W. Ewart James and Miss E. S. White

and Moss E. S. White
The engagement is announced between Andrew William, younger
son of his Honour Judge and Mrs
W. H. Ewart James, of Westfield,
Upton Grey, Hampshire, and
Elizabeth Scott, younger daughter
of Mr and Mrs R. G. White, of 9
Thayer Street, W1, and Kirklee,
West Chiltington, Sussex.

Mr P. R. H. Gateley and Miss C. J. E. Turner

and Miss C. J. E. Turner

The engagement is announced between Patrick Robert Henry, only son of the late Mr T. P. Gateley, MBE, and Mrs M. B. Gateley, of Delhi, India, and Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Cornelia Jane Elisabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cornelius Turner, of Yarm, Yorkshire, and Newton Ferrers. Ferrers.

Mr R. W. Gollance and Miss J. A. Rush

The engagement is announced between Rodney Wilfred Gollance, of Cheyne Gardens, London, and Julia Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. L. G. Rush, of Summerhill Cottage, Downs Wood, Epsom,

Mr C. D. Mason and Miss L. S. Downie

and Miss L. S. Downe
The engagement is announced between Charles Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John L. Mason, of The Wilderness, Crowborough, Sussex, and Linda Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman P. Downie, of Hongkong and Huntington, Mark Cross, Sussex.

Mark Cross, Sussex.

Mr J. W. G. Prynne and Miss M. K. Greenhead

The engagement is announced between John William Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. G. eldest son of Mr and Mrs w. G.
Prynne, of Eagles, The Warren,
East Horsley, Surrey, and
Marianne Kristina, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. S.
Greenhead, of Little Felbrigg, Farm Lane, East Horsley, Surrey, The marriage arranged between Dr Peter Collins and Miss Venetia Russell will not take place.

Latest wills

Residue shared by

nine charities Miss Lilla Mary Spalding, of Shob-nall, Burton upon Trent, left 5267,464 net (duty paid, £87,225). After personal legacies of £2,950, she left the residue equally to

sne left the residue equally to nine charities.

Mr George Durrant, of Bournemouth, left £45,548 net (no duty shown). After bequests of £7,800, he left half the residue among four charities and half to Liverpool University. University.
Other estates include (net before

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):
Hamond-Graeme, Lady, of Thetford (duty paid, £12,079) £72,829
Jones, Mr Percy Ivor, of Abergavenny (no duty shown) £137,958
Lindsay, Mr Lawrence, of Shipley (duty paid, £79,112) £167,491
Mackintosh, Mr Robert James, of Folkestone (duty paid, £224,739)
Oke, Mrs Vera Grace Adelaide, of Datchet (duty paid, £56,250)
Pullen, Mr Arthur William Baker,

Pullen, Mr Arthur William Baker, of Westbury-on-Trym (duty paid, £111,485) £311,891 Ransom, Mr Christopher, of Bud-leigh Salterton (duty paid, £100,746) £256,913

Receptions

Ministry of Defence

Mr A. George and Miss V. V. Reily Collins Commander and Mrs Reily Collins held a reception yesterday at the Saddlers' Hall, EC2, after the marriage of Mr Anthony George and their daughter Miss Verite Valda Reily Collins. The boney-moon is being spent in Egypt.

Ministry of Detence

A reception was given yesterday evening at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, by Major-General A J. Archer, Director of Army Staff Duties in the Ministry of Defence, to mark the visit to the Ministry of Defence of the Chairman, Military Agency for Standardization, Major-Defence of the Chairman. Military Agency for Standardization, Major-General W. C. Leonard, and the agency's Army Board from HQ Nato. Brussels. Among the guests were Major-General and Mrs Leonard, General Sir Charles Jones, Governor of the Royal Hospital, and Lady Jones, and representatives of Nato countries. Economic conditions in Japan seemed to be keeping Japanese buyers away at the end of last season, so their return gave a good fillip to prices.

University news

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twentieth-century £2,400 (Collectors). A sale of Japanese armour, swords and sword fittings at Sotheby's yesterday saw Japanese buyers back in London in force.

Japanese suit of armour fetches £9,000

The tsuba or sword guards were not exceptional, and brought stannot exceptional, and brought standard prices, but there was some remarkable bidding for a group of arrowheads; most fetched more than £40 and a simple heartshaped arrowhead whose only unusual feature was a signature (Echizen Kora) made £92. The sale totalled £96,771, with less than 5 per cent unsold.

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Sotheby's also held a minor Old Master sale totalling £29,875. Christic's were selling the first part of the Mostyn library which had its beginnings in the sixteenth century. Its important collection of Stuart and Tudor plays and most of its manuscripts were sold before the last war.

Out of the 247 lots put up for sale yesterday eight failed to find a buyer. The Aldine edition of the Comedies of Plautus (1522), bound for Jean Grolier, the sixteenth-century collector whose

bindings are avidly collected, made £8,500. A 1550 Book of Common Prayer in its original binding made £2,700 (Traylen) and the first Protestant edition of the Bible in French (1535) made £1,900 (Thomas).

A charming book on the teaching of Latin, Roger Ascham's The Scholemaster of 1570, "specially purposed for the bringing up of youth in Gentlemen and Noble men's houses", made £1,400 (Hammond), while the first edition of the New Testament in Welsh (1557) made £700. The sale totalled £77,728.

Christie's were selling the fifth part of the Ko family collection of snulf bottles. Timed to coincide with the sixth annual convention of the Chinese Snuff Bottle Society of America, the sale was inundated with Americans, bringing prices well above expectations. Hugh Moss paid the top-price of £945 for an early horubill bottle. The sale totalled £18,541.

Temperance and General Provident Institution. The architects are R. Seifert and Partners. Westminster council insisted that plans for the two sites should be coordinated, and a third architect, Mr William Whitfield, was appointed. The article in The Architects Journal, which hopes to mount an exhibition of its own alternative proposals in the forecourt of St Martin-in-the-Fields, is not particularly critical of the architecture of the proposed new buildings. But it says that many small firms will be evicted from relatively cheap accommodation to make room for expensive offices. Acre, Covent Garden. The article says that next week's exhibition at the National Gallery, represented as a public participation exercise, has been put together and will be staffed by a public relations firm hired by the developers. A representative of the first participation of the first participation of the first participation of the first participation.

Mr Daniel Cruickshank, one of the authors, said yesterday that there were already large vacant sites next to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square; on the corner of Tothill Street, opposite Central Hall, Westminster; in Marsham Street, close to the Department of the Environment; and in Long Acre, Covent Garden.

The article says that next week's

developers.

A representative of the firm, Kimball Bailey and Partners Ltd. said that the idea of the exhibition was to obtain the public's comments. "I only wish that The Architects' Journal had waited until the exhibition opened before coming out with their comments", she added.

delayed because of the property recession and that the site might be left as " a hole in the ground ".

English glassmakers' art on view at Science Museum

By a Staff Reporter By a Staff Reporter
A chance to see examples of 300 years of the history of glass and its making is offered today and for the next month at the Science Museum, London.
The Glass Sellers' Company is sponsoring an exhibition to mark the tercentenary of the granting of a patent by Charles II to George Ravenscroft, the father of English

expensive offices.
It fears that rebuilding might be

Grand Buildings and Trafalgar Buildings, Trafalgar Square, seen from Canada House, left, and the proposed redevelopment.

The scheme involves demolish-ing Grand Buildings, on the corner

of the Strand and Northumberland

Avenue, and a group of buildings on the facing corner of Northumberland Avenue and Whitehall. Applications for outline planning permission for both sites were submitted in 1971, office development permits having already been granted.

Realt corner buildings are land.

Both corner buildings are land-marks, although neither is archi-tecturally outstanding. Grand Buildings were formerly the Grand Hotel, built in 1878 and converted to offices in 1927. The block was bought by Land Securities Invest-ment Trust in 1964, who approprie

bishop's motion that having recog-nized the gulf between the fac-tions it would welcome closer co-

nois it would welcome closer co-operation between them.

The bishop commented: "The New Testament is our only guide to the words and teachings of Jesus. We have a guide and it is sufficient."

Links on soll courses: Church

Links on golf courses: Church of England clergy and Roman Catholic priests were having serious religious discussions on the

"This may sound frivolous, but it is indicative of something very deep-seated. To this extent, the climate of opinion is different now

from what it has ever been before."

The convocation unanimously

welcomed a joint statement pro-duced by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission

on points of common ground on the ministry and ordination. The statement had been welcomed by the York convocation on Tuesday.

architects of the scheme, as a misrepresentation and a travesty of the facts. It had, he said, been deliberately produced to indoctrinate people's fair and impartial views and was grossly misleading.

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Ravenscroft, the father of English lead glass, for the "art and manu-facture of a perticular sort of Christaline Glasse, not formerly exercised or used in this our King-

golf course, a country vicar said yesterday (the Press Association Little is known of Ravenscroft reports).

The Rev Edward Longford, Vicar of Tatworth with Everton, on the northern borders of Bedfordshire, was speaking in London at the Convocation of Canterbury.

Mr Longford said: "We have two annual golf matches against Roman Catholics. In the past, you really bad to confine your conversation to the weather or the state of the bunkers. We have now reached the stage where we do discuss the Eucharist and the ministry while we are going round the solf course. himself except that he was a merchant who spent some time in Venice, living, it is believed, between 1618 and 1681, and was largely responsible for turning the breaking of glass into the making of it.

of it.

The Glass Sellers' Company, which obtained its charter in 1664, imported and retailed on a considerable scale drinking and other glasses from Venice until it became dissatisfied with the quality of this soda glass, particularly with its fragility.

In 1673 the company commis-

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh attends Malt Distillers' Association of Scotland centenary banquet, Aviemore Centre, Inverness-shire, 7.30 pm.

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips attend world premiere of Juggernaut, in aid of News-paper Press Fund, Leicester Square Theatre, 8.15 pm. sioned Ravenscroft to discover an improved kind of glass and he gradually evolved the solution of adding lead oxide to the sand and potash, and reducing the amount of alkaline fluxes.

of alkaline fluxes.

He had perfected his discovery by 1676 and for 200 years the Engglish glass industry led the world.

The importance of the new lead crystal glass was due not only to its heavier weight but to its higher refractive index and greater brilliance and richness, allowing English glassmakers in make more English glassmakers to make more elegant wares. Because it was relaelegant wares. Because it was relatively soft it was more easily cut and engraved than soda glass.

The exhibition, opened last night by Sir Alan Hodgkin, President of the Royal Society, includes examples of pre-Ravenscroft ware, with a wine jug of about 1386, probably by Verzelini, important pieces of the Ravenscroft period, some bearing his raven's head seal, and items that show the modern

and items that show the modern scientific applications of lead glass. The Queen has also lent the bowl with diamond-point engraving that was presented to her as a wedding gift by the Glass Sellers' Company in 1947.

The Duke of Kent visits Rolls. Royce Small Engine Division. Leavesden, Watford, 11 am. Lunchtime Concert: Colin Tilnev plays one of the museum's antique instruments, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15 pm.

Memorial service: Sir Charles Wheeler, St James's, Piccadilly,

Archaeology report

Peterborough: The Bronze Age field system

The extensive prehistoric settlement site at Fengare, near Peterborough, has been known to archaeologists since its discovery during gravel digging in the early years of this century. Finds from most prehistoric periods were found in pits and large post-holes and were collected and documented by the local archaeologist, the late Mr G. Wyman Abbott. Thanks to his zeal most of the artefacts have been salvaged.

Abbott's finds have been studied by many archaeologists and gave the name Peterborough to an important tradition of later neolithic ceramic styles; Fengate ware is an important sub-style within the group. About 10 years ago a remarkable series of aerial photographs was obtained by Professor J. K. St Joseph which showed that the Wyman Abbott finds came from the south part of a very extensive fen margin settlement area.

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area. This whole site, by now a scheduled monument, was threatened by the industrial expan-sion of Greater Peterborough. After publication in 1969 of a After publication in 1969 of a royal commission's report on a survey of antiquities in the areas of development at Peterborough New Town, the Nene Valley Research Committee authorized excavation to take place. A short season devoted to a specific threatened rectilinear enclosure,

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

The top price was £9,000 (London Gallery of Tokyo) for a complete suit of seventeenth-century armour of fine quality, though a little damaged. While armour of the eighteenth and nine-

teenth centuries is common at auction, such an early suit was a

rarity; the price roughly doubled Sotheby's estimate. There was a complete nineteenth-century suit

of armour at £3,400 (M. Saruta).

Among the high prices for blades

was a good longsword dated 1869 at 53,600 (Collectors) and an eighteenth-century longsword with

directed by Miss Christine Mahany, was followed in 1971 by large-scale six-month seasons, directed by Mr Francis Pryor and financed by the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto with additional help from the Harvie Foundation of Caigary. The principal aim of the excavations has been to build as complete a picture as possible of pre-historic settlement and land use patterns over the area. This project has involved the stripping of large sites, more than 20 acres having been excavated so far. Most of the field boundary ditches revealed to date have been complete with several rectilinear field systems marked by corner and lush summer grazing around the edges of the fen margins and "islands". Although the state of the fens is known to have altered considerably over time, there can be little doubt that they provided the raison d'être for the site.

Four season's work has allowed us to build up an approximate of the changing patterns of land use over time; from somewhat humble, separated settlements in early neolithic times to much larger mainly cattle-based conomies in the larer neolithic researched and subjected to regular sample and complex many-phased entranceways marked by ditches and post-holes arranged, again, at right-angles to one another.

So far two crouched burials have been uncovered from within the ditches, together with many adminal bones, mainly of cattle, so far two crouched burials have been uncovered from within the ditches, together with many evidence of salt extraction from the brackish fen water near by, part of a bronze Middle Bronze accomplete with several rectilinear field systems marked by corner field having been excavated so far. Most of the field boundary ditches revealed to date have been completely emptied and subjected to regular sample sieving in order to try to establish reliable dates, no simple matter on a site where occupation has been prolonged and where, as a consequence, residual material is frequently found. An extensive series of radiocarbon dates is being built up.

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The possibilities of the site are enormous: waterlogged levels, where the preservation of organic material is excellent, are frequently encountered and it is hoped that the next three seasons will be entirely confined to the fen-edge proper, where waterlogging will be frequent.

Prehistoric man chose Fengate because of its proximity to the fens, the natural habitat of many wild fowl, fish and eels; there would have been peat for fuel,

Complete with several rectilinear field systems marked by corner entranceways, we find in Middle Brouze Age times an elaborate series of accurately surveyed field and drove systems. These Middle Brouze Age fields occupy an area today of about a quarter of a mile square. They consist of a series of regularly spaced paired ditches running at right-angles to the fens. Two ditches of this series excavated in 1971 gave radio-carbon dates of 1280+70 BC and 935+135 BC.

This season, however, has revealed far better preserved fragments of the field system than we had been led to expect in 1971; single paired ditches are replaced by double paired ditches with single paired droveways running in at perfect right-angles. There

one another.

So far two cronched burials have been uncovered from within the ditches, together with many animal bones, mainly of cattle, evidence of salt extraction from the brackish fen water near by, part of a bronze Middle Bronze Age socketed spearhead and pottery, similar in many respects to that found at the Middle Bronze Age cemetery at Ardleigh, Essex. A large flint industry has also been recovered, and as there are no neolithic features in the area involved, useful comparisons will be able to be drawn with earlier industries in the area.

Finally, many of the Bronze Age

Finally, many of the Bronze Age field boundary ditches have been cut by later features, most of which belong to the early Iron Age, thus tending to confirm their Bronze Age date. Earlier work on the site has been published in Excavation at Fengate, Peter-borough, England: the First Report (Royal Ontario Museum, Archaeology Monograph 3, Toronto, 1974).

By Francis Pryor, Royal Ontario (c) Times Newspapers Ltd., 1974.

Dr. E. OE. Somerville, the surviv-

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, October 10, 1949

Dr. E. OE. Somerville, the surviving figure in the celebrated literary partnership of Somerville and Ross, authors of "Some Experiences of an Irish RM", and a woman of strikingly individual character and wit, died on Saturday at her home in County Curk. She was in her ninety-second year. Her first intention was to become an artist, and she attended the studios of Colarossi and Delécluse in Paris. She might indeed have confined herself entirely to art if her cousin, Miss Violet Martin, of Ross [Martin Ross] had not encouraged her literary gifts. Hers, however, was an astonishingly versatile endowment, and an unbounded energy to match. She was, for instance, an extremely was, for instance, an extremely good musician among other things. good musician among other things.

And there was always, an expression of the entirely different side of her life and interests, her sportsmanship. Edith Somerville's

MR PAUL **HOFFMAN** Administrator of Marshall Plan

OBITUARY

Mr Paul Hoffman, who was Mr Faut Huntings, who was the first administrator of the Marshall Plan, died on Tuesday at the age of 83.

at the age of 83.
Appointed by President
Truman in 1948 as head of the
Marshall Plan organization,
Hoffman probably did more. than any other person to lift the economies of western Europe out of their depressed Europe out of their depressed state and create a basis for the prosperity that followed. A shortish, likable and very confident man, Hoffman created the framework for American and the champalled to meeting the champalled to th aid to be channelled to western Europe, travelled continuously persuading the Europeam to cooperate with one another and tirelessly needled away at Congress to vote billions of dollars for aid.

The President had told him The President had told him that his task was "to sustain and strengthen principles of individual liberty, free institutions and genuine independence in Europe", and Hoffman urged the politicians of present the politicians of western Europe to achieve economic unification "without undue delay". If Europe became strong and prosperous, he argued in 1949, then it could work together with Canada and work together with Canada and the United States to stop the "ruthless drive" for power of Russian Communism. Later, however, when he was managing director of the United. Nations Special Fund, he said that aid must be independent. that aid must be independent of political considerations and that the underdeveloped coup tries had to advance through their own efforts; external aid although vital, was limited. The Marshall Plan, he argued in 1961, had been given too much credit for the postwar recovery of western Europe and that "B was the Europeans who saved Europe".

Hoffman was born in Chicago in 1891 and became a car sales man with the Studebaker Corporation. He was to make a mit-lion dollars before he was 35 and he became president of Studebaker from 1935 to 1945 and chairman from 1953 to 1956. This gift for salesmanship, This gift for salesmanauty, coupled with idealism, warmth and a natural helpfulness brought him to the attention of President Truman in the post-war era. For organizing Man-shall Plan aid, Hoffman was awarded the Medal of Freedom last year.

Resigning from federal service in 1950, Hoffman became president of the Ford Founds tion for three years and then went back to industry with Studebaker. He published is 1951 a book called Peace Can be Won, in which he urged a halt to all the talk about the Cold War and, praising the leadership that Britain had given to the world since the Spanish Armada, hoped that the United States would use its. leadership in the same way now that power had passed from the British to the American Com-

monwealth. But Hoffman's work was still not finished. What he had accomplished in Europe was only half the job and in 1959; he dropped his business posts and went to the United Nations as head of the Special Fund, where he stayed until 1965, when he became administrator of the United Nations Develop

ment Programme. There his task was to travel round the world trying to persuade the richer government to contribute aid for the noorst his distaste for Cold War politics. It was not possible to win most compelling reason for giving aid was "that we are living in an unsafe world and our greatest problem today is to prevent its blowing up one of the reasons our world is unsafe is that hundreds of millions of people in the less developed countries are re-fusing to accept their present. position as inevitable". A modest man, Hoffman summed up his United Nations work when he stepped down in 1977. with the remark: "We have made only a feeble start." He married Dorothy Brown in 1915 and they had seven children. She died in 1961 and he then married Mrs Anna Rosenberg.

ERIK LINDSTROM

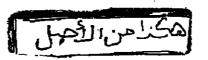
Erik Lindstrom, leading actor of the Swedish National Theatre, died on September II, in his 68th year

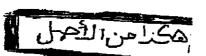
Lindstrom's was a name to conjure with in Scandinavian theatrical circles. In later years he not only became a popular character actor of the first rank but also retained something of the beloved matinee idol image his youth.

Born on November 11, 1986, he joined the Swedish National Theatre as a graduate from the theatre's drama school, making his debut in Shaw's You New Can Tell in 1927. He began a specialist in comedy and gave a series of memorable per-formances that ranged from Sir Peter Teazle in Sheridan's The School for Scandul to Vielge-chrey in Holherg's Den Stunden losc (The Fussy Man) in 1981. But the great tragic roles were well within his compass, mo, witness his Hamlet, in which he appeared with his company in Elsinore in 1948, and bis Gustav III in Strindbers's drama, in which he was pro-nounced the equal of Denmark's Poul Reumert and Sweden Lars Hanson.

His first major dramatic such cess was as Stanhope in Journey's End less than a year after Laurence Olivier had after Laurence Olivier: created the role in London. From then on he was to give masterly renderings of Peer Gynt, Faust, Enrico IV, Hamlet Macbeth and Iago which be played on his home ground in Swedish to Mogens Wieth's Othello in Danish, the disparity in language sometimes leading to unforeseen comic situations







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dignified exit and finds it comes

It is worth noticing that in spite of the laugh, he still keeps the audience's respect, it being one of Filippo's skills to allow his characters to retain their human dignity in the act of stenning on a hanger skip love

stepping on a banana skin. Love, perhaps, would be a better word than skill.

achieves several things. It drops you into a tempestuously alien household with which, by the

end of the evening, you are obliged to acknowledge a com-

mon human bond. It knits up

production

down to cover his nose.

Zeffirelli's

Frank Finlay, Stephen Greif, and Joan Plowright

In Filippo's world the two are one and the same thing, and the

performance unites them visu-

performance unites them visually again and again. There is Plowright, weeping bucketfuls while breaking spaghetti with long-practised efficiency; or finally waving her husband off to work from the balcony after

four months off from that little

task. Mundane actions like those carry a great emotional

Ann Penfold's grinning maid

is a poor substitute for Anna Cartaret's sumptuous slattern;

but otherwise the new casting is deft. Richard Vernon, as the hat-stretching grandfather, departs from Olivier's show-

stopping cameo and melts the part into the life of the family.

Stephen Greif, as the cause of all the trouble, repeats Denis Quilley's success in dispensing

gallantry before quietly estab-lishing his honesty. If the Olivier regime is to have its life prolonged in the West End, there could have been no better

suspicious line in natty

We left the Blackmores, and

after a brief interlude with a gentleman in Second World War

flying kit who spends his days

in a home-made Lancaster cock-

pit, we joined a citizen who keeps mice on his hat, lives on

around in a giant pedal car in

his long underwear. Questioned,

he replied that he wished to

indeed are locked into 1938 where, via their model railway

layout, they relive the great

days of pre-nationalization, des-pite the fact that "mice steal the passengers, you have to glue

change nothing in Britain Doubtless, Mr Allen's closing couple feel the same. They

Those people are more important than what happens to ing meat, the emotions of the them; and with the plot already in your head you can give more attention to observing their torium with the odour of cooking meat, the emotions of the play are solidly rooted in the practical business of home management.

Joining the family

Saturday Sunday Monday

Queen's

Irving Wardle
With three crucial cast changes (including the loss of Laurence Olivier), I found this transfer an even richer experience than the original National Theatre production. Of the two remaining principals, Joan Plowright has shed her preoccupation with Neapolitan vowels and is giving a performance combining huge emotional energy with scrupulous domestic precision; and Frank Finlay's performance has settled into a marvellously composed study of compressed jealousy, delicate but ever present in his small, swift gestures and capacity for dominating through silence.

Saturday Sunday Monday is one of the most elaborate family plays ever written, and it con-tains almost as many stories as characters. Perhaps the balance between these is better struck the multiple strands of the now than it was at the first action in joint preparation for showing. But the main point is the ritual Sunday dinner. And, that Eduardo de Filippo's work from the moment the curtain

is better seen more than once, goes up and floods the audi-

Dave Allen ATV

Alan Coren

Allen's bizarre little documentary about English eccentrics delivered this week, she said: delivered this week, she said: "He's no trouble, he makes very fading face of the Prime Minigood Yorkshire pudding." ster. Not just that, either, but a succulent prime ministerial vision of the New Britain burgeoning in the millenium due to kick off on Friday morning,

weather permitting.

And then he was gone, and the screen filled with an Englishman living in a wooden box.
To be fair to Mr Wilson, he had lived in the box for 25

New London Ballet

Wimbledon Theatre

André Prokovsky's latest creation for his versatile small company is Folk Songs, set to the suite by Berio, which has become well known and liked in Cathy Berberian's interpretation. The ballet follows the music in the diversity of its mode. Deborah Hess and Paul

moods. Deborah Hess and Paul Porter have a gentle, breath-lessly romantic duet; Linda Smit's first two entries are solos, respectively bitter and triste.

The two brighter, more cheerfully extrovert couples are themselves set to some extent in contrast: the duet for Lesley

The battle for Schumann's sym-

phonies as standard symphonic diet has probably been won by now: they no longer need special pleading or rescoring. All the same, it is good to find Riccardo Muti including them in his concentration to the bid.

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Our singers no longer go un-

well. One group has gained that traditionally undying loyalty accorded by the British musical

public to its special favourites, but the Gabrieli has yet to achieve that position. Goodness

knows why, for they have done plenty to deserve it. I hope that on the coming two Tuesdays, the group's other programmes in the Queen Elizabeth Hall will

rated the necessary excitement. be better attended.

John Percival

NPO/Muti

Festival Hall

William Mann

administration) and, moreover, seemed quite happy in it, espe-cially since building an annexe for his feet. The middle-class lady behind whose house the box stands seemed well adjusted, By one of those miracles of too, to the fact that our society keeps mice on his hat, lives on juxtaposition that make accident lacks the utopian unity Mr Wilan authentic art form, Dave son was so keen to adumbrate: in perhaps the finest line to be

From which imponderable point we moved to two other English people well able to survive the apocalypse to come, the Blackmores, who live in a tepee in Eastbourne. Mr Blackmore, in full robes, face-paint and head dress, explained that the good thing about a tepee was that the fire inside it kept the grass dry. A tip we may well find ouryears (in other words, since selves returning to in the harsh about the middle of the Attlee months ahead.

everything down."

Yes, a big night for mice and nostalgia, friends, even if it meant a discordant coda for the Prime Minister. Still, that's Mould and Bob Smith has a quick, sharp eroticism differentiating it from the more commadely duet for Christian Addams and Carol Yule. When Addams and Linda Smit are brought together by the others, that introduces a further emotional change leading to the joyful finale.

Here and there are hints of genuine folk dances, but the

strings and brass.

compositions).

admirable pianist.

Excellent piece as this is (high on the list of Hindernith's most likeable works), it pre-

scribes playing of a quality it did not get here. There were too many brass entries a touch

mith's more densely polyphonic

clean than usual with this

genuine folk dances, but the choreography makes no pretence of realism: this is an evocation of the real thing, heightened and sophisticated in the content of that work amply made up for a touch of stiffness in her earlier solo, and in Piano Quartet No 1 Paul Porter showed himself to be a sophisticated in the same way that Berio did in his music. The more impressive dancer than his roles with the Royal Ballet had ever revealed. But in both those choreography has an attractive ever revealed. But in both those simplicity of structure but is ballets, and the Nutcracker pas polished and subtle in its de deux too, Galina Samsova

expressiveness.

The familiar works on last night's programme at Wimbleunsurpassed in any western don introduced some new company today.

movements are as treasurable Hindemith's Concert Music for as any in romantic symphony. He laid a gentle but not careless hand on the elegant Scherzo, and drew out the Adagio's linked strands of heavenly melody with appreciative sweet-ness. The outer (more taxing) movements were less tautly con-trolled, though the Finale gene-

ahead of the beat, and too many phrases that fell limp in the middle; and then the subsidirated the necessary excitement
Mr Muti's view of Schumann ary counterpoints were not always properly audible (it is not, after all, one of Handeis spry and vigorous, as befits his age: mercifully he is not ing up the good work done by his predecessor as the NPO's we could have done with a chief conductor, Otto Klemperer. Everyone was more at ease in Beethoven's fourth piano concerto of which Peter Frankl gave a spirited and poetic account, although it too was less clean than usual with this orer.

and really tidy ensemble. The
On Tuesday Mr Muti gave us woodwind playing throughout
chumann's C major symphony, was enjoyable; but they had
number two, whose central been let off the first item,

> The Gabrieli does not take the of some of the composer's most searching writing.

easy and perhaps more popular way out by playing the works of a single composer, preferring a mixed programme that extends The group was no less convincing in the famous dissonant introduction to Mozart's K 465 Quartet and then effortlessly relaxed into the ensuing Allegro. That marvellous passage of discordant single-note emries its considerable interpretative powers and provides more stim-ulation for the listener. On this occasion it began bravely with Shostakovich's third quartet. in the slow movement showed the understanding of the ensemble, each of the three upper instruments shading effortlessly into the other. The reading started by being correct but uncommunicative. One admired already the integ-

ration and balance of the in-dividual strings but missed that The players rightly adopted a more gemutich, soft-grained style for the E minor of Mendelssohn's Op 44. Mellow confidence is the mood of all four extra insight which revealed itself in part of the elusive, rather menacing Scherzo and really became established in the lamenting Adagio. There, too, lamenting Adagio. There, too, movements and that was easilythe quartet responded more and conveyed through the commore to the concentration of poser's obviously grateful thought, the multum in purvo, writing for all four instruments.

London debuts

Antony Lindsay and Simon maninov, who monopolized the whole programme. They had their work cut out

trying to bring off the Symphonic Dances without the help of orchestral colour. This 1940 score sounded unmotivated in comparison with the Fantaisie Suite, Op 5, and Six Pieces, Op 11, for one keyboard, both produced before the composer had come of age, with his roots still deep in Russian soil. Perhaps the nightingales sang a bit too robustly in "A night for love" robustly in "A night for love", detracting from its sumptuous amoroso climax. But texture was translucent throughout the decorative figuration of "Barcarolle" and the still more beautiful "Tears" of Op 5. The specifically nationalist numbers in both early works were splen-didly rhythmic and ringing.

Of the week's two solo pianists, by far the mose forceful projection came from the Egyptian, Ramzi Yassa, as might have been expected from one who this summer won a certificate of honour in the Tchaikovsky Contest in Moscow. Prokofiev's second sonata was the best vehicle for his strength, drive and rhythmic precision— even for the lyrical tenderness he could sometimes muster too. Clear-cut fingerwork and a cer-Clear-cut fingerwork and a certain emotional objectivity were valuable assets in Ravel's Miroirs, though climaxes were unnecessarily loud, and quite a lot of this music needed far more mystery and magic. Much of Liszt's Mephisto Waltz was over-driven. Even a sonata in C by Haydn showed how urgently Mr Yassa needs to learn to melt.

For an experienced artist, the Brazilian Clara Sverner, seemed either bedevilled by nerves, or else out of practice. There were moments of grace and tonal charm in the less demanding numbers of Ravel's Valses nobles et sentimentales, also in the reflective central piece, "Hommage à Rameau", from

Four years' hard work alone Debussy's Images. Villa-Lobos's could scarcely have produced Alma Brasileira (Choros No 5) ensemble as close as that of was warm and winning too. But Alban Berg's Sonata, Op 1, Antony Lindsay and Simon Young in their two-piano recital at the start of the week. An intuitive sympathy lay behind it, also true feeling for Rachmaninov, who monopolized the whole programme imagination.

The week's solitary singer, Michael Leighton Jones, offered a pleasantly lyrical, albeit light, baritone voice, nice phrasing, and a feeling for words. Though he was willing enough in spirit, Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen proved an over-ambitious opening choice: the voice itself lacked the range of colour and ease of production to colour and ease of production to carry expression so intense. The wide compass and heightened emotion of Schumann's "Stirb, Lieb' und Freud" taxed him similarly, though he did well with "Erstes Grün" and better still with "Wanderlied" from this same Op 35 Kerner set. Always he was at his most ingratiating when not called on ingratiating when not called on for extremes, such as in songs by Warlock, folk-song arrangements by Grainger, and a cycle by his New Zealand compatriot, Douglas Lilburn, called Sings Harry. Though the naivery of the words in a sense justified simple lyricism, it was still difficult not to reflect what a composer like Ives would have made of them. The discerning pianist throughout was Jonathan Alder. Alder.

Having previously appeared in a duo with his brother, the young Dutch violinist Christiaan young Dutch violinist Christiaan
Bor returned for a solo recital
in the Royal Netherlands
Embassy series. Pieces like
Khachaturian's Sabre Dance
(arranged by his master-class
teacher, Heifetz) and Ravel's
Tzigane thrived on his zest. His
bite and lyrical intensity also served Bartok's unaccompanied sonata well. But an over-enthusiastic performance of Debussy's "La plus que lente" notably emphasized that there is room in his equipment for more subtlety and finesse. Geza Frid was a lively keyboard

Joan Chissell



Paul Klee: The Feather Plant 1919

From Picasso to Lichtenstein

A two-month programme devoted to the modern arts of West Germany, scattered among various places in London, started off last week at the Tate Gallery, which has put on show virtually the entire construction. Tate Gallery, which has put on show virtually the entire con-tents of the Nordrhein-West-falen Museum of Düsseldorf under the title From Picasso to Lichtenstein. The museum was founded in

1961 and began buying only in 1962. Düsseldorf also possesses an historical museum of art and a public gallery (the Kunst-halle) for contemporary exhi-bitions. The presence of these three in a medium-sized city testifies to the enormous wealth of this area of Germany. For the Nordrhein-Westfalen, enter-ing the museum field when the market for modern art was already booming, could only acquire works of the celebrated twentieth-century painters by spending vast sums of money. The cash came chiefly from the local government, with additional donations from West

German Broadcasting. The Tate Gallery's director, Sir Norman Reid, in his catalogue preface, casts his eye longingly on these purchase funds, which are big compared with the Tate's. He describes the achievement of the Museum of Nordrhein-Westfalen as "heroic". Such strong praise

seems to reflect the excitement

generated in the museum world simply by prestigious acquisitions. A number of beautiful individual paintings stand out in a kind of isolation. One of them is Max Beckman's splintered painting "The Night", showing the agonies of the First World War. Another is Picasso's gentle "Woman at the Mirror" of 1937. Another is a great Leger painting, "Adam and Eve", painted in 1935-39, a period when he was overflowing with the control of the control o

with work in murals and stage

energy in a small area. The most coherent part of the exhibition is the group of Klees, shown in a small side room (they were bought from a single private collection). They make sense together and one can follow what the artist is exploring. "The Feather Plant" (1919) is a lovely single

But these pictures hang as detached "acquisitions". Dr Schmalenbach, director of the Nordrhein-Westfalen Museum. says in his catalogue introduc-tion that in building up the collection he was not interested in the historical context of the works. He was guided only by the "criterion of quality". This is a high sounding phrase, but what does it mean? Only a few of the paintings are of very high quality, and at least 20 of the 71 painters represented here are very minor artists.

For Dr Schmalenbach quality means conservative painterly value, and it is this, rather than the experimental, questioning spirit, which is brought out in the collection. It shows in the balance of the collection (four Braques, but no Malevich, van Doesburg, Vantongerioo, Moholy-Nagy or Tatlin). And it becomes particularly clear in

the choice of postwar artists. These begin with the Parisian tachistes and switch to American action painters and finally to pop artists. The scope seems to become narrower and narrower and finally comes to a halt with Lichtenstein's buge painting of a brush-stroke in comic-book technique, where one small pictorial irony is bombastically exaggerated.

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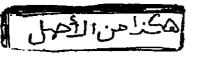
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New Herstatt Bank quota proposals put forward after creditors' protests

Suenter Vogelsang, independent Herstatt negotiator, proposed herstatt negotiator, proposed new settlement quotas for the reditors of the closed Bankhaus L. D. Herstatt KGAA at a press conference in Cologne this even-

Herr Vogelsaug said the new proposals would cost DM1,220m £201.5m) against)M1.140m in his earlier proposals of September 23. Non-banks with claims of

DM897m would receive)M583m: local authorities rith claims of DM202m, M111m; foreign banks with laims of DM461m, DM254m; nd domestic banks with claims f DM604m would receive M272m, Herr Vogelsang said. He said Herstatt assets talled DM984m, of which M25m would be placed into serves, leaving DM959m for its creditors. To cover the ip of DM261m, Herr Vogeling proposed that a special M325m fund be created. The city of Cologne and the sociation formed to protect erstatt creditors had rejected rlier proposals for a settleent made by Herr Vogelsang. Under the present plan Herr

ans Gerling, former major areholder in Herstatt, would attribute the DM200m tained from the sale of half his insurance empire to a assortium of West German West German private banks uld contribute DM35m from ir fire-fighting fund, the rman savings banks DM15m, people's and farmers' perative banks DM10m, and

rr Gerling's hardship fund, ated shortly after the rstatt collapse, would conbute a further DM10m. Herr Vogelsang suggested ist German banks should stribute a further DM20m m the profits made in comting forward exchange deals. further DM35m should be

Ierr Vogelsang said he was vinced his new proposals resented an acceptable solundation that they should be: epted in the interests of a edy conclusion of the Her-

itributed on a voluntary is by domestic creditors

the proceeds of attach-

lerr Vogelsang recalled that final report of the provi-nal liquidator showed that rstatt was unable to cover ne DM1,205m of its final 12,189m of liabilities. This s, which was an improvement some DM69m on the earlier mated loss of DM1,274m int the average seitlement ta for creditors was 44.95

was with this in mind that proposed quota for domestic ks had now been set at 45

err Vogelsang hoped that decision to raise the quots treated normally under the local authorities to the of the countries when l of the foreign banks arests had been placed.

should receive a settlement of

After taking potential in-terest earnings into account, this clause in the old proposal effectively represented an addi-tional 10 per cent on their quota, he said.

Herr Vogelsang said that in his original proposals, he had pitched the level of the quota for non bank creditors at 60 per cent because he felt these people—mainly private indivi-duals and small businessmen deserved an advantage of 20 per cent over the professionals.

He said this belief still held

good, and therefore he pro-posed a new quota of 65 per cent for this group. These vic-tims of the Herstatt collapse should receive their quotas in cash before the end of this year,

As before, the new quotas would have to be agreed by all local authority and domestic and foreign bank creditors and 95 per cent of other non bank creditors. Acceptance of the quotas

would mean that creditors would no longer have any claims against the main participants in the Herstatt affair with the ex-ception of any found guilty in court of illegal activities, Vogelsang added.

If the proposals are accepted,
DM583m will have to be found

by the end of this year to pay off the private non-bank creditors.

Herr Vogelsang said that DM280m could come from Herstatt's liquid assets while the remainder would have to be provided from the special fund. He said the special fund was being made DM64m larger than

absolutely necessary to guaran-tee the quotas: If all this amount was not needed in the liquidation of the bank over the coming years, any surplus would he added to the amount due to the creditors, he said.

Any surplus funds would be allocated in the ratio of 75 per cent to the creditors and 25 per cent to reimbursement of the contributors of the special fund. Among the creditors, domestic banks would be the main beneficiaries as they will receive the lowest initial quota. But if there were sufficient cash to bump up their quota by 10 perbump up t centage points, the residue would be shared equally by all. On the situation in the United States Herr Vogelsang suggested a way out of the legal impasse

threatening Herstatt's assets. He said all creditors who had petitioned bankruptcy proceedings in the United States or other countries should with-draw their petitions and refrain from attempting to bring further bankruptcy proceedings. No further attachments should be placed against Herstatt's

For those who have already attached Herstatt assets abroad, foreign creditors would be treated normally under the laws of the countries where the

to farmers West German, creditors who retain 75 per cent of the proceeds from such actions and give 25 per cent to the special fund. In this way DM35m would flow into the coffers of

the special fund for the benefit of all creditors.—Reuter.
Alan McGregor writes from Geneva: he International Credit Bank said that it had asked the Swiss authorities for permission

to declare a banking mora-torium, and would remain closed pending a decision. In a statement issued by the board of directors, who have been meeting over the past two days, press reports "without foundation" were blamed for

foundation" were blamed for withdrawals by depositors fearing difficulties. The bank had been closed for two days because of the Jewish holiday. On Monday, the Hessische Landesbank Girozentrale, under the original share transfer contract, requested the ICB to repurchase the 36.4 per cent of the equity held by the Frankfurt bank.

The ICB came into the news

The ICB came into the news lest month with reports from Israel of a more than £8m loss by the Israel Corporation, the agency through which funds are channeled for developing the country.

The ICB was founded here 15 years ago by Dr Tibor Rosen-baum. He owns 60 per cent of the shares of the bank, which holds about £30m in deposits. Capital and reserves were put

In announcing its withdrawal from the ICB, the Frankfurr bank said its decision was because of "conduct not con-forming to the rules of inter-national banking" on the part of Dr Rosenbaum. The Swiss Federal Banking

Commission in Berne has asked for an emergency audit of the On September 27, the board of the Israel Corporation which was set up in 1968, decided to open an investigation into the situation with regard to all funds placed with companies with which Dr Rosenbaum is

associated. The ICB faced a difficult situation in 1967 after United States officials alleged that it had handled Mafia money emanating from sambling business. It was beloed then by

The ICB directors' statement said: "It is our duy to take appropriate measures to protect appropriate measures to protect our worldwide clients. Accord-ingly, we have considered it necessary to ask for a banking moratorium and maintain the counters of the bank closed until a decision has been given by a competent judge." competent judge."

The statement said a contri-butory cause of the request for a moratorium was the failure of negotiations aimed at having an negotiations aimed at naving an outside banking group come to the rescue—identified by an ICB official as the Hapoalim Bank of Israel.

The official said the bank's assets covered all its liabilities.
"We still hope to find a solution for the Israel Corporation deposits", he added,

Poll forecast

causes sharp

fall in shares

By Our Financial Staff

in Labour's chances.

Indications from opinion polls of a continued Labour lead brought sharp falls in London

stock market prices ahead of the outcome of today's General Election. The fall in prices was accentuated by the sudden re-versal of Tuesday's trend, when there were hints in the City of a last minute deterioration in Labour's chances

Market indices showed sub-

stantial falls within the first hour of trading, and continued to fall away throughout the session. The FT index quickly abandoned the 200 mark which

was regained on the previous day, and by the end of the trading session had lost 9.3 points to 1919. The Times index, at 74.49 shed 2.45 points.

Growing concern at the Government's increasing financial deficit was largely responsible for further weakness in gilts. One sign of increased uncertainty was switching from

certainty was switching from the longer end of the market into "shorts".

£4m bid for New

River Company

London Merchant Securities, the property and industrial group headed by Sir Max Rayne, has made an agreed £4.6m cash

offer for the ordinary shares and convertible loan stock in

the New River Company, which

was established by letters patent

in 1619 and has a substantial portfolio of residential property

in Islington, London.
London Merchant, which owns
about 40 per cent of the equity,
is offering £4.50p for each ordi-

nary share. This compares to a net asset value on the basis of a revaluation of the properties in March this year of £8.45p, or £5.52p on full dilution. Con-

vertible holders are being offered £148.50 per cent for their stock, which is equivalent to the price offered for the shares.

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The National Farmers' Union, acting through the NFU Development Trust, last night launched a surprise takeover bid for FMC, the quoted meat and by-products group which incorporates Marsh & Baxter/ Harris, the pigmeat complex.

to bring

By Anthony Rowley

FMC back

This is designed to bring FMC back under "farmer control", Mr David Darbishire, chairman of NFU Development Trust which already owns 40.9 per cent of FMC, said. The bid. was put to the FMC at £6.5m, was put to the FMC board yesterday afternoon and the directors' attitude towards it was unknown last night. On the Stock Exchange the

On the Stock Exchange me price of FMC's shares had risen 50 per cent to 60p by the close of dealings last night. This compares with the 65p a share in cash being offered by the NFU Development Trust.

The existing NFU stake in FMC represents the holding it retained on behalf of the NFU when FMC was floated as a public company in 1962. Previous to that the Fatstock Marketing Corporation, as it was named on being set up in 1954, was wholly owned by the NFU.

The reason for offering the public shares in FMC was to enable it to raise funds to buy Marsh & Baxter/Harris in 1962. However, the NFU Development Trust has now decided that "farmer control" of FMC is necessary again is necessary again. This is so that PMC "the

largest meat wholesaling organization in the United Kingdom, can play a fuller part in creating greater stability of supply and price for producers, meat traders and housewives", the trust said in a statement last 'A new framework is needed

which will give livestock producers clearer guidance on consumer needs and greater security in meeting them."

Under the NFU's wing, it is envisaged that the FMC will be able to increase cooperation throughout the meat industry and ensure that British farmers are better able to meet the industry's demands.

The NFU is underwriting the bid from its own resources. The bid is conditional on no reference being made to the Mono polies and Mergers Commission. Though FMC controls only bout 12 per cent of the United

Kingdom cattle and sheep slaughtering business and 26 per cent of pig slaughtering, the bid could be referred on grounds of the assets involved. The Minister of Agriculture has been informed of the bid though no prior reference to the EEC authorities is required. FMC's preference shares are not the subject of a bid, and

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would remain quoted.

Guilty plea by

former Equity

Funding chief

Los Angeles, Oct 9.—Mr Stanley Goldblum, the man who headed the now bankrupt

headed the now bankrupt Equity Funding Corporation of America, has pleaded guilty to

charges arising from one of the United States this century.

Mr Goldblum, aged 47, a former scrap metal dealer and

meat salesman, was founder, chairman and president of the company, which was started in 1960 to sell mutual funds and

insurance.

The financial conglomerate collapsed in April last year after a scandal over its operations, and the conglomerate of miles.

allegedly involving tens of mil-lions of dollars in false insur-

ance policies and non-existent

corporate assets.

Mr Goldblum's decision yes-

terday to plead guilty to the

five counts of conspiracy and securities and mail fraud, abruptly ended the jury trial after one week. He will be

Takeover bid Australian union leaders call for nationalization of Leyland plant of nearly 5,000 to unemploy-

By Herbert Mishael and Edward Townsend

Australian union leaders yes-terday called on the Government to nationalize British Leyland's unprofitable Australian car manufacturing operations which, in their present form, seem destined for closure.

Leyland's Sydney manufactur-ing plant was halted when 4,000 workers held a meeting at which officials of the vehicle building workers' union said that the Government should run the car works on the same lines as the French government conducts Renault.

Workers fears were height-ened this week by reports that the company was discussing plans with the Government to sell the 64-acre Waterloo site-three miles from Sydney-and turn it into a huge housing

British Leyland in London declined to comment yesterday and Mr David Abell, general manager of Leyland Australia, said that an official statement would be issued in the next few days.

Union leaders issued a warning that if the plan proceeded the Labour government would be signing its death warrant as far as the trade unions were concerned. Unionists would refuse to support a government which committed a work force ing work in the motor car in-

Today, union leaders are to meet Mr Keppel Enderby, Minister for Manufacturing Industry, to discuss the situation. Mr Enderby has taken part in talks with Leyland which have been going on for

the past seven weeks.

Mr T. Uren, Minister for
Regional and Urban Development, and Mr W. G. Hayden, acting Treasurer, confirmed to reporters that discussions were taking place between the Government and company repre-

sentatives.

They could neither confirm nor deny the rumours about the site being used for a big houssite being used for a big housing estate financed and controlled by the Federal government. Representatives of Leyland Australia said that negotiations with the Government were at a delicate stage and Mr Abell said that a lot of speculation about the future of the company in Australia was the company in Australia was way off mark.

way off mark.

The situation is being heavily influenced by the fact that the Industries Assistance Committee's recent report expressed the opinion that there was room in Australia for only three matters. motor car manufacturing com-panies and the implication that General Motors Holden, Ford,

panies to survive.

Leyland Australia has lost about \$A15m (about £10m) in three years, and in terms of out-pur and sales is bottom of the league. There has been a growing opinion at BLMC headquarters in London that the operation should be rationalized. Now the company has the IAC

report to back its view that volume car manufacture on a small scale is uneconomic and that the present stringent regu-lations governing the locally manufactured content of cars should be relaxed to allow imports of assembled vehicles.
Almost 5,000 workers are em-

ployed at the Sydney plant which produces about 30,000 Minis, Marinas and the ill-fated P76 models a year. Thousands more work in component sup-pliers' factories. The company also operates a profitable truck and bus plant at Milperra pro-ducing about 2,500 vehicles a

year.

The scaling down of the Sydney plant, which now seems inevitable unless the Government can work out a formula to inject state aid into the operation, must lead to the demise of the P76, Leyland's all-Australian car which has achieved sales of about 20,000 since it was launched 18 months

Financial

advisers

in City

dispute

former chairman.

By Margaret Drummond

A dispute has arisen between

Tremletts, the engineering and timber group headed by Mr Jeffrey Pike, and Tower Assets,

the group for which it made a successful takeover bid last

year. It involves Arthur Young

McClelland Moores & Co., the firm of chartered accountants

who act as Tower's auditors

Dawnay Day, the merchant bank which advised the group during

take over negotiations, and cer-

tain directors of Tower includ-ing Mr Stephen Maltz, the

None of the parties involved

would comment on the cause of

the dispute yesterday, but it is

understood to involve Tremlett's

highly unusual for financial, or

professional advisers, to be involved in a controversy follow-

ing completion of a rakeover.
There has been some specula-

tion as to the situation of the

enlarged Tremletts group fol-lowing references to "differ-

lowing references to "differ-ences in the style of manage-

ment" between it and Tower Assets made at the time of the

to stop trading next month

Formal notice is expected from The Stock Exchange today that Solomon and Co, a Londonbased stockbroking firm with nine partners and associate members, will cease trading on November 8.

Mr Ivor Lewisohn, senior partner of Solomon, stressed last night that the firm had chosen to cease trading "while financially sound" rather than to continue in an uncertain economic climate. In a clear reference to the

low level of turnover on The Stock Exchange, he added that the firm found it hard to predict a situation in which trading conditions could be expected to improve "in the foreseeable improve future". Solomon expects to close all

outstanding positions by November 8, and it is understood that no question of loss to members of the public is involved. The firm's business is spread between institutional and private clients. The decision to cease trading

reflects the deep gloom felt in stock market circles. Turnover in equities remains in the range of £30m.£40m a day, compared with £100m plus at the peak of the bull market. Six firms have already chosen

to cease trading during this year, while five have been "hammered" for financial failure. Also indicating the decline of market business is the increase in stockbroking mergers—24 firms have negotia-ted mergers this year.

Solomon employs 31 dealing, administrative and clerical

The Stock Exchange disclosed yesterday the first results of its survey of the loan positions of member firms. The survey has disclosed that stockbroking firms have been reducing loans to clients, and that only some 20 accounts now fail to measure up to the council's new require-

Building group's statement on interest payment

Northern Developments, the estate developers who were reported over the weekend to be having intensive talks with their bankers, yesterday statement stressing that the banking arrangements the company announced in July were continuing to operate satisfactorily. Under these arrangements

the group's major bankers (representing more than 95 per cent of its total bank borrow ings) agreed to roll up interest period. The group also made it clear yesterday that the study of the company's operations and structure (being carried out by Peat Marwick) was continuing and that there had been no boardroom changes

'Lack of purpose' in British export effort

By Peter Hill

Government policy towards troversial decision under the approximation and the last Tory government to wind up the BNEC which was partly export promotion and the ineptitude of some British outposts in vital overseas markets for British industry were severely censured yesterday by the head of a leading export company.

Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the Valor Company

claimed that Britain's already performance in markets, compared with its international competitors, was steadily worsening.

Speaking at an export seminar in London he said that the axing of the British National Export Council and its replacement by the British Overseas Trade Board had dealt a cruel blow to British exporters. Mr Montague exporters. Mr Montague echoed the sense of disenhantme many sectors of industry over

Mr Montague's comments were made at a time when it is at, our of responsibility to believed that the Confeder-ation of British Industry has worthiness of the borrower. instructed its leaders to discuss The financing of exports needs with the new Government to be taken right outside the changes to the structure of the ordinary financing of compan-

Arrest warrant

Signor Sindona

Milan, Oct 9.—Dr Ovidio Urbisci, Milan's deputy public

prosecutor, said today he had issued an arrest warrant for Signor Michele Sindon, Italian-born financier, on charges of

was charged on two counts of falsifying accounts and illegally

dividing profits in connexion with the activities of his now

defunct Banca Unione in 1970.
Signor Sindona, who is a
naturalized Swiss, is believed
to be in Switzerland. He could
face 15 years' jail if he was
convicted on the charges, but

justice sources here said they saw little prospect of his being

This was put into liquidation at

the end of September.-Reuter.

illegal banking operations. Dr Urbisci told journalists that Signor Sindona, aged 53,

issued for

financed by industry and was vigorously involved in elevating exporting as a management priority. The BOTB has tended to adopt a much lower profile, eschewing some of the brasher aspects of export promotion It was not necessarily a ref-

of their opposition to the con-

lection on the small band of men who comprised the new board, said Mr Montague, that their function in supervising government services for exporters could not have the same effect as the drive of several hundred businessmen had been able to achieve in the heyday of cooperation between companies and indus-

Turning to export credit faci-ities Mr Montague dismissed part of Tanana acquired as claims that Britain's export the lack of purpose and direction in the country's export finest in the world as "a lot of rubbish ".
"What bankers rightly look

BOTB. It wants a bigger say in ies' operations; as has so sucthe running of the operations. cessfully been achieved in Industrialists made no secret Japan", he said.

Dollar weakens after Ford policy statement

exchanges yesterday. Weakening in all the major

European financial centres, the American currency slumped to its lowest level since early summer. By the close of trading, it was over 5 pfennigs lower against the West German mark (at 2.5565) and almost 3 cen-

The Times index: 74.49 -2.45 FT index: 191.9 -9.3

By Melvyn Westlake

to a fresh bout of speculation against the dollar on foreign

(at 2.5565) and almost 3 centimes down against the Swiss franc (at 2.90).

Currency dealers viewed President Ford's economic package" as a considerable anti-timax, particularly after the series of economic summit meetings that the President has been conducting which had extradited.

Banca Unione was merged earlier this year with Banca Privata Finanziaria, another Sindona-owned bank, and became Banca Privata Italiana. been conducting, which had given rise to high expectations.

THE POUND

sentenced later.-Reuter.

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Sterling closed at \$2.3415 vester-day, a net gain of 70 points on the disc dime by 55 to £385, day. Reports, page 25

Appointments vacant Financial Editor

25 Diary Wall Street Market reports 23 Interim Statements: J. E. England & Sons (Wellington) Legal & General Stanwood Radio

Mr Maltz has, during the past few weeks, resigned from the boards of both Tower and Greensquare Properties, a pub-licly quoted group in which Tremletts holds a 30 per cent

Disappointment in President Ford's economic policy measures for tackling United States inflation, together with declining Eurodollar interest rates led

How the markets moved

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INTERIM STATEMENT

LIMITED Interim Report

| June, 1974, with relative | comparisons, are | as follows:- | |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Six m 30t | Year to 31st Dec. | |
| | 1974 £ | 1973 £ | 1973 £ |
| Turnover _ | ~ | - | - |
| Cash Sales | 1,283,000 | 913,000 | 2,185,000 |
| Television Rentals | 1,375,000 | 1,258,000 | 2,556,000 |
| Hire Purchase | 438,000 | 670,000 | 1,559,000 |
| | £3,096,000 | £2,841,000 | 26,300,000 |
| Trading Profit | £901,963 | £947,209 | £2,148,582 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| Depreciation | 751,131 | 636,386 | 1,481,807 |
| Interest charges | 330,576 | 207,068 | 463,049 |
| | £1,081,707 | £843,454 | £1,944,856 |
| Net Profit | <u> </u> | £103,755 | £203,726 |
| Net Lass | 2179,744 | _ | - |

At 31st December, 1973, the Company had some £570,000 of Account against losses, if and when they occur.

Although turnover showed a small increase. Trading Profit wa approximately 3% lower due to constantly reducing margins. Depreciation was again at a higher level due to increased investmen in television rental over the past lew years. This charge will tend to level out in the future as older colour sets are fully written off.

Interest charges reached a peak by 30th June, due mainly to the crippling interest rate operating over the past year. Since that date borrowings are steadily being reduced through the Company's positive cash flow, and with the present trend towards lower interest rates this heavy charge should fall.

Current Trading In the September quarter cash sales and hire purchase increased

substantially compared with the first six months and as the December quarter is normally our busiest period, it is expected that turnover in second helf will be considerably higher than the helf-year to June. The requirement of 42 weeks advance payment on new rental contracts has continued to restrict new business and it to the restrictions may be eased once the election is over, Every effort is being made to improve profitability, but it is essential

maintain a higher standard of service to the public and it is not easy overcome inflationary pressures and reduce operating costs. Interim Dividend The Directors have not been able to recommend the payment of an

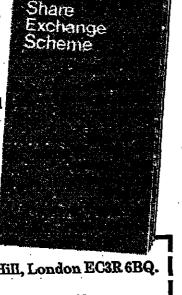
interim dividend, but will review the matter when the results for the year In view of the present uncertainty regarding the economic and political outlook it would be unwise to forecast the immediate future, but the Directors are confident of the strength and viability of the Company.

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OECD paves the way for detailed oil talks with producers

Lennep, secretary-general of the organization for Economic from 45 per cent and an upward adjustment of 8.8 per cent in Cooperation and Development (OECD), who is on a visit here, has told Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japanese Trade Minister, that the OECD would meet the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at expert level in the first half of next year. They would discuss prob-lems caused by the higher price

of oil, Japanese sources said.
The sources added that Mr
van Lennep told Mr Nakasone he had already met Mr Abder-rahman Khene, OPEC secretarymeeting.
Mr Nakasone proposed that

OECD should convene high-level conferences of its member countries specifically aimed at dis-cussing problems posed by the oil-producing nations, such as the recycling of oil dollars and economic aid to developing countries, the sources said. Mr van Lennep agreed with the

by 3.5 per cent retroactive to October 1 in keeping with a recent OPEC resolution. Senor Carlos Aguirre, presidential spokesman, said in Quito.

Kuwait 'inviting bids

national oil companies to bid for 300 barrels of crude per day,

posted price. Al-Seyassch, the daily newspaper, said the companies involved were European, Ameri-

can and Japanese. The oil for sale is from the state's 60 per cent share of output under its participation deal with the owners of the Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait's leading

The price asked, according to Al-Seyasseh, is the same as KOC's former co-owners, British Petroleum and the Gulf Oil Corporation, are paying this quar-ter for 900,000 barrels per day of oil "bought back" from the

Nuclear power: Kuwait plans to start producing power from nuclear reactors by 1985, and will also investigate other energy sources as possible alternatives leading country in extravagant to oil, according to Mr Abdulla use of oil".—Reuter.

the price basis used to calculate e income tax. It also includes an increase

It also includes an increase of 0.67 per cent in the proportion of the government-fixed daily export ceiling of 210,000 barrels on which royalties are paid. The government previously received 33,600 barrels in accelerate the rise in daily in royalties. The rise in royalties equals an additional 1,407 barrels daily.

Ecuador owns a 25 per cent interest in the Texaco-Gulf

group. Mozambique prospecting: Oil prospecting in Mozambique will resume after a two-year break, the South African Press Association reported from Beira. Hunt International Co.

America, is planning to begin drilling early next year in the Zambezi delta, Technicians and equipment are expected to start arriving in Beira in the next

Proposal.

Ecuador taxes: Ecuador has increased charges on the Texaco-Gulf Oil group in the country by 3.5 per cent retroactive to go ahead shortly with a new prospecting prowith a new prospecting pro-gramme in the Cabo del Gado area of northern Mozambique.—

for cheaper crude'

Kuwait, Oct 9.-Kuwait was Al-Ghanim, the Minister for reported to be inviting 25 inter-national oil companies to bid for He told reporters that preparations for the nuclear scheme for a two-year period from Octo-ber 1, at 93 per cent of the what other country or countries

Mr Al-Ghanim, speaking to journalists in Kuwait, dealt mainly with the recent world energy conference at Detroit which he attended. He said the United States had diverted conference debates away from matters at issue and turned them into a political forum.

inflation and a degenerating economic situation had created a depression in the United States, he said. He added: "President Ford

put all the blame on the producing countries for raising oil

Offshore oil jobs for Mersey

maximum involvement of the ing the next 12 months, accord-North-West in supplying and servicing the offshote oil industry is already starting to produce results.

could lead to 2,000 new jobs in Company

would start over the next two

prices. . . The Zionist press blamed the Arab oil states for the energy crisis."

But during the Detroit debates, Mr Al-Ghanim added, "it was found that America was the

The campaign to secure the the Merseyside area alone dur-

ing to the Merseyside Indus-trial Development office. Four companies are reported to be negotiating for sites in the Liverpool docks complex. Various projects associated part of the land released by with the offshore operations the Mersey Docks and Harbour

North Sea production likely to be controlled

with controls on the rate at which oil is produced from off-shire fields whichever govern-ment is returned after today's

general election. general election.

Mr John Liverman, a senior official at the Department of Energy reaffirmed the importance of conserving valuable resources in a speech to an offshore technology conference in London organized by the Financial Times. Offshore deposits were limited, he said, and governments could not be indif-ferent to their rate of exploitation and exhaustion.

"Even on the eve of a general election, I can say that powers of control over deple-tion rates will be taken here, since all political parties have stated their support for such action, although the powers themselves and the way in which they would be exercised remain to be seen."

The task would not be easy said Mr Liverman. Producers needed some assurance that they would be allowed to exploit their discoveries at a rate which would ensure an economic return on their invest-

But governments needed to preserve a measure of flexi-bility in their energy policy Cleveland share: Cleveland County Council in north-east England claimed yesterday that possibly the highest regional share of the estimated £1,000m of offshore contracting work being undertaken in the United

Councillor Maureen Taylor, speaking at a press conference in London said that orders completed in the past two years and in hand in the region amounted to about £200m.

This information had been revealed in a recent survey planning department, which had also shown that more than 100 companies in the area were involved in offshore oil contracts employing 5,000 workers.

Xerox anti-trust settlement plan

Stamford, Connecticut, Oct 9.

-Xerox Corporation said it had to settle a Federal Trade Commission anti-trust complaint against it.

Under the terms of the agreement. Nerox said the com-pany would be required to make available certain existing technology on its existing office copier products to its United States patent licensees, excluding International Business Machines Corporation, for five vears. The information would be for American use only. The company also said it

would be required to make certain modifications in its volume discount pricing policies.-

Furniture makers and retailers cutting delay on deliveries

By David Young
Furniture makers and retailers are now catching up with the big increase in demand which has caused serious delivery de-

lays to customers over the past 18 months. 18 months.

Reports of lengthy delays between orders being placed and goods delivered are reinforced by a report in Which? magazine today. This claims that delivery of furniture often takes twice as long as the time quoted.

Manufacturers have now rearranged production schedules to meet increased demand for popular lines and delivery ser-

vices have been improved. G-Plan, one of the largest furnituremakers which last year was quoting over a year for de-livery of some of its items, has now cut delivery times to weeks. Habitat Designs and Schreiber Furniture have now developed their own delivery networks. Mr

Terence Conran of Habitat said

items misrouted.

The problem was caused by an unforeseen demand for furni-

ture, he said, which has con-tinued and is now being met. More furniture is now being sent in quick-assembly form which reduces the risk of damage in transit, another point raised by Which?
The Which? report says that

a quarter of the 2,000 items in-volved in the survey were dedamage was subsequently repaired, but in some cases this was not done for up to 12

Which? also reports that apart from automatic washing machines and tumble-driers, electrical household appliances have not improved in reliability since the magazine's last survey in 1971. There has also been no improvement in servicing.

Freezers are the most reliable works had become so congested washers the most unreliable.

Legal & General gives £3m cash boost to subsidiary

By Our Financial Staff Legal & General is making a £3m cash injection into Victory Insurance, its reinsurance subsidiary, it was revealed yester-day in the group's interim

report.
The move, which follows Norwich Union's £30m cash injection into its short term operations earlier this week, is further indication of the extent to which the insurance industry is suffering from the collapse in market values of its investment assets, combined with the impact of inflation on liabilities.

Legal & General acquired Victory early in 1973 for £4.6m. A note to the group's annual accounts shows that the subsidiary made a trading loss and suffered a diminution of around £1.6m in the market value of its investments between the date of acquisition and Legal & General's calendar year end. The £3m injection announced vesterday is designed "to put

the solvency of Victory beyond any doubt' Highlights of the interim report include a 68 per cent increase in new pensions premiums from £13m to £21.8m, attributed to the requirements of the Conservative Govern-ment's Social Security Act, which stimulated employers to extend and improve pension

Life premiums were down from £5.9m to £5.5m because of unfavourable economic conditions, while general insurance premiums were 27 per cent up from £21.2m to £26.9m.

While Legal & General has continued to make progress des-pite difficult economic conditions, the statement says that the group will be adversely affected if these are prolonged. Even after the recent relaxa-tion on dividend controls, the effects of restraint on other investment media, particularly property, were continuing to

CBI tax relief scheme

proposals to be put before a committee of the Confederation of British Industry has been drawing up proposals for a radical change in the treatment of stock appreciation for rax

The CBI study is expected to be among the first documents to be put before the new Chancellor of the Exchequer by industry. Stock appreciation arises when the cost of replacing a company's stock has risen above its original cost. To maintain the same level of

activity, the company then has

to find additional cash to buy tomorrow to complete taxation the same amount of stock, proposals to be put before a Since the tax system makes no allowance for replacement costs, the strain on company liquidity is increased in a period of inflation-particularly when increases cannot be passed on in the form of higher prices. election, the CBI is expected to respond immediately to Mr

If the Labour Party wins the Wilson's invitation to join the Government in talks on the social contract. Mr Wilson's invitation now throws the onus on industrial leaders to back up their criticisms of the social contract with constructive proposals for its improvement.

Lever call for state bank to aid industry

A government investment bank to make long-term loans to private enterprise was proposed yesterday by Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
"It would encourage effort

in industry especially in the exports field," he said at Labour's north west headquarter's in Salford, Lancashire. Whitehall sources said that work was "proceeding on a number of contingency plans for assisting the company sector, and an investment bank along the lines proposed by Mr Lever is one of these possi-

The big banks had a lukewarm response to the plan. We would have some reservations concerning the need for a new institution to channel funds into industry bearing in mind the existence of Finance for Industry, a spokesman for the Banking Information Service said.

vice said.

"This was established last year, bringing together the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation and the Finance Corporation for In-dustry, who already act in this way", he added.

Mr Lever earlier said his GIB would make immediate longterm funds available through the banking system to private enterprise. It would encour-age effort in industry, especially in the exports field. Substantial funds would be made available on special terms to different parts of the country in accord-ance with their particular needs.

Scheme for EEC loan to transfer petro-dollars

From David Cross Brussels, Oct 9

A draft scheme for the floating of an EEC loan designed
to transfer petro-dollars to
member countries with balaceof-payments problems was
approved today by the European Commission.

It will be sent to member governments for discussions by their finance ministers at a meeting due to be held in

Luxembourg on October 21. According to Commission sources, the scheme would provide the legal basis for the setting up of an orderly mechan-ism for the floating of any future loans.

The Commission feels that the system it is proposing should be of a permanent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-employed tax will hit the clergy hards From the Rev J. E. Burgess Sir, One group of self-employed persons who will be hard hit by the new tax burden for National Insurance purposes will now be treated as self-employed; thus being enabled the fact that the self-employed; thus being enabled the fact that the self-employed; will be the clergy. The recommended stipend scales now mean that most diocesses have a minimum income. The recommended stipend scales now mean that most diocesses have a minimum income. The recommended stipend scales now mean that most diocesses have a minimum income.

ceses have a minimum income from all sources of £1.800 per annum for incumbents, and the majority of clergy will have this new tax to pay.

Many clergy already find the payment of £2.41 a week difficult to find, and if Church Councils' attempt to be generous and help with the cost it is promptly taxed by the Inlead Payment as a taxable. Inland Revenue as a taxable emolument. the anachronism

Perhaps the anachronism whereby clergy have self-employed status should now be Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. BURGESS. Rural Dean, St John the Baptist Church, Keynsham, Bristol. October 7.

From F. J. Howlett Sir, I was glad to see letters in your columns about the new form of taxation that is to be introduced in April, 1975. on the self-employed, though I was sorry that a matter of such importance did not appear on the middle pages.
The self-employed have been singled out for harsh treatment over national insurance contributions, and benefits for some time. In September, 1971, the Class 1 stamp was £3.03, of

which the employee paid £0.88 and the self-employed stamp was £1.50. Today, the Class 1 stamp is £2.47 of which the employee pays £0.75 whereas the self-employed stamp is £2.41. The

employer can charge his share of the Class 1 stamp against profits for tax purposes, but the self-employed can charge no part of his stamp.

For those who have not read leaflet NP7, as from April 1 next, the self-employed will

continue to pay the flat rate contribution. Additionally, there will be a new earnings related contribution for the self-employed. The leaflet states that this

contribution will be at the rate of 5 per cent of earnings between £1,150 and £2,500 and then goes on to say that the rate will not be this at all but something quite different, to be announced at a later date. The tax will normally be col-

lected by the Inland Revenue along with Schedule D Tax". The self-employed are to receive nothing in return for this additional payment. There is one escape rcute 1975.

for some self-employed. It seems that company directors Mrs Castle's proposed increase who up till now have been was that inflation had eroded

the new tax on self-employ-Unfortunately this escape route is not available to the members of most professions, as they cannot turn their professional practices into limited companies. I am in this category and I am pursuing the idea of making my wife my employer.

employer. employer.

She would have to pay national insurance contributions as a self-employed person, but we could so arrange my salary that there would be insufficient profit left with my wife for her to have to pay the

wife for ner to have to pay the new self-employment tax.

The greater part of my Class 1 stamp would be charged against profits for tax purposes and I would become eligible to draw unemployment benefit, which I am not as a self-employed person. I can only assume that this

vindictive new tax is being introduced because the self-employed are thought to be paying less tax than they should. You can be pretty sure that those who are evading tax at present will take good care that they pay no more in

And some of the great majority of the self-employed who are not guilty of tax eva-sion will be tempted to follow the example of those less hon-Yours faithfully, F. J. HOWLETT,

Red House, Yetminster.

From Mr David Green Sir, The principle of the Class 4 surcharge on National Insurance for the self-employed was created by the Conservative Social Security Act of 1973. The rate then contemplated was 5 per cent on a lower band than mentioned by your correspondents. My information is that Mrs Castle had a Bill before the Commons to raise the rate to 8 per cent on the £1,600 to £3,600 profit band, but that this Bill fell before the dissolution of Parliament for the present

election.

If that is correct (and given the strike generated chaos at the Stationery Office one cannot be sure) it would seem that the department, in issuing the uprated version of NP7, are assuming that the next Government will sort things out before April,

I am told that the logic behind

" Increases in labour costs . . may not include any element ing

ners', as distinct from employe ees' time."

The self-employed are therefore to pay an additional tax is respect of an inflation in which they have by statute been preferenced from securing a continuous accordance increase in their seguings. ees' time.'

earnings.

It should be noted that that new impost is geared to School to dule D profits—not to taxable income, and that a person within substantial personal allowance but and a low Schedule D incomplete with minimal and likely and a low Schedule D. with minimal tax liability man nevertheless catch the full force. of the new burden. It will bear particularly harshly on youngly people newly established in the people newly established in theler professions, who frequently have it low incomes and very heaviling commitments.

Dr Michael Winstanley, mem ber for Cheadle in the lastin Parliament and with whom fine have corresponded on the issue to is well aware of the problem fr. Self-employed people who are affected by it would do well to it canvass the views of the candisst dates in the election, and their members after it, if they do nor contemplate with equanimity and extra bill from the Inlande Revenue of up to £160 in 1975 id—for nothing.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN.
Rhyd yr Harding. have corresponded on the issue

Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

From Mr Keith A. Mallinson Sir, A number of your corre spondents are rather critical of the new National Health In a surance contributions for the life. self-employed.

I would interpret the fact it

(a) The proposals were implicated in the Tory 1973 Sociality Security Act (although on probability between £1,150 to £2,500 and 5 per cent. Labour £1,600 to £3,000 at 8 per cent).

(b) The self-employed will beneather the self-employed will beneather and the self-employed will be se

fit from higher pensions and also earn the same pension rights as employees, althougher they will only pay 65 per central of the combined employer, employee contribution. (c) It should also be noted that while employees must pay the levy on current pay, the self-employed will pay this it. arrears. Yours faithfully.

KEITH A. MALLINSON. 35 Courtlands Avenue, Kew, Richmond,

Property and the training of valuers

property valuation, with par-ticular reference to the property assets of quoted com-

The training and experience of the individual valuer enable him to interpret the property market under changing conditions, but the society is aware of the need to supplement this knowledge when severe econ-omic pressures and political decisions can and do make an unprecedented impact on the property market.

At regular intervals the society organizes conferences in conjunction with the Centre for Advanced Land Use Studies (CALUS), a division of the College of Estate Management, University of Reading, to enable members of the profession to keep abreast both of general and specialized property sub-jects. A series of conferences on valuation and commercial property interests has included

Centre to test cement needed

From Mr A. J. Barris Sir, The failure of a structure built with high-alumina cement has caused alarm concerning the soundness of many other buildings so built. Extensive testing is under way.

I plead for the setting up of a centre at which the results of these tests would be col-lected and a situation report kept for inspection.
The tests are of two sorts: non-destructive on materials in situ and destructive on samples or whole members cut from the structure. The latter are

more troublesome and costly and hence less often carried

out, but they are also more revealing and reliable. By the collation of all results, the former could be better calibrated against the latter and their credibility determined. Thus time and money would be saved, and the gravity of the problem could be better appraised.

The proposed centre would provide fact, not advice, and responsibility for structural decisions would remain where it is now. Confidentiality of information would have to be respected.

Very few research bodies Very tew research bodies have concerned themselves with this cement, whence much of the trouble. The Building Research Establishment is one such. Who herter to set up and operate this report centre?

Yours faithfully,
A. I. HARRIS

A. J. HARRIS, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Department of Civil Engineer-London SW7.

a course directed precisely to Sir, In his letter published on the issue raised by your corre-bership, other than by examinating the september 19 Mr Rex Hudson spondent and the most recent tion, in 1962, and as a former spondent and the most recent tion in 1962, and as a formew invites amplification of the held at the University on member of ISALPA Mr Hudsoft statement that The Incorporated September 20-22 covered The is no doubt aware that the Society of Valuers & Auction Management of Property society had already impossed the control of the property society and already impossed the control of the property society had already impossed the control of t Society of Valuers & Auction

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eers (ISVA) pays "continuous Development". I may add that the same restriction in 195Car's attention and study to the importance of keeping pace not by theorists, but by attainable only by passing with trends and conditions in property developers, consult examinations which are not B. planners, solicitors. ants, stockbrokers, itemize all the examination subsu

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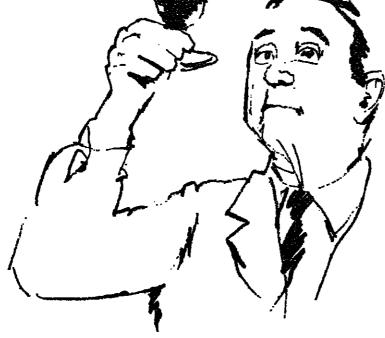
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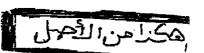
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Currys' margins are cut to shreds

Marks & Spencer may have had government enforced cuts in gross margins, but in the case gross margins, out in the case of Currys there was never any question of the group being up against its reference levels in the first place.

Fierce competition from the

discounters and, more particu-larly, the department stores has seen to that, as too has the emphasis on shifting stocks (built ap ahead of the three-day week) in the face of stagnant demand the rise in cash sales roughly offsetting the slump in credit

trading.
So, throw in the rise in general costs too and we have general costs too and we have first-half profits on straight cash sales down from £3.2m to a mere £455,000. But that, fortunately, is only a part of the story. With new credit sales falling away and last December's new regulations bringing in the average maturity of credit business quite sharply, outstanding to balances at the end of the half average maturity of credit business quite sharply, outstanding to balances at the end of the half seventh (on the previous year this seventh (on the previous year end) and there is a net release from the unmatured profit pro-

How far the position will reclearly depends on any government action and Christmas spending. Recently, however, sales have been picking up again, while the upping of prices by the competition has allowed a recovery in gross margins, and a combination of stock and staff reduction has helped ease pres-sure on the net. Where all this -will leave Currys by the year wand is anyone's guess, but at east there is the consolation of he strong balance sheet, while he yield on a maintained divi-lend would be 12 per cent at ast night's closing price of 38p.

> nterim 1974-75 (1973-74) lapitalization £8.9m lales £41.5m (£35.8m) re-tax profits £2.17m (£3.15m)

Christies

Costs are he joker

. 28 per cent interim pre-tax ownturn on the back of a 12 er cent increase in turnover is he kind of result that could do hristies International's stock om 6 per cent in 1969 to 421 er cent in the first half of last

Since the trading background as continued healthy, there as thus nothing to foreshadow ie severity of the setback to largins-down to 271 per cent -and the market's surprise was mply apparent in an 8p fall in eporting sales values up by 31 ar. cent to £44.3m and the imber of sales up from 397 1972/73 to 488. And, although yers were taking a more lective view, prices in general mained firm throughout the

sh in the balance sheet at the ginning of the year, investent income is probably some-nat higher than last year's 9,000, which suggests that erating expenses have risen ry sharply indeed, possibly by much as a half. In short, Christies' apparent built inflation proofing has t served to protect it from flation, and that must prompt

Judging by the £1.4m of net

me basic questioning of sumptions about the rating of stake in FMC, and one which at still lling at 61 times last year's rnings. With a wealth tax should not deter other share-



Mr David Breeden, chairman of Wilmot Breeden: interim divi-

well, the glamour image is beginning to look decidely tarnished.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization: £7.58m
Sales: £3.06m (£2.74m)
Pre-tax: profits: £0.84m (£1.17m)
Dividend gross: 1.12p

Wilmot Breeden

Energy crisis damage

At first sight it is hard to reconcile what happened at Wilmot Breeden with the company's view in April that it had come through the three-day week relatively well. Now, reporting interim profits down from £2.2m to only £0.76m, Wilmot blames the effects of the energy crisis both at home and overseas, and, of course, reverbrations from the three-day week.

In fact, in the confusion that followed the three-day week ould have a disproportion and in the case of Wilmot and

have caused severe problems. All this helps to explain that sales were static in value terms, and of course sharply down in volume. The position overseas was almost as difficult. France, where Wilmot has a substantial business, the motor industry was plunged into uncertainty by the energy crisis, and Wilmot's schedules were and is making cautious noises about the final. At 27p, yielding 131 per cent assuming no cut in the final, the sares are likely to stay in the cold for

Capitalization £5.6m Sales £27m (£27.4m) Pre-tax profits £0.76m (£2.2m) Dividend gross 0.97p (1.178p)

FMC

A farmers' bid

some time.

Interim: 1974 (1973)

holders from questioning the generosity of the bid. The NFU, after all, makes no secret of the fact that it feels FMC, as a quoted public com-pany, has tended to put share-holders' interests before those of farmers. Whether or not this is valid criticism, the essential point is that the NFU believes it

will be able to reorganize the meat markets more to the farmers' advantage if it resumes control of FMC. one might expect the farming interests behind the NFU, which is underwriting the bid, to pay a significant premium in this case. Yet, though the 65p a share cash compares with a price of 32p in the market a few days ago this is hardly a fair

days ago, this is hardly a fair yardstick given the economic climate. As it happens, the offer price is precisely what FMC was floated at 12 years ago though on an inflation adjusted basis the two figures would look very different. The £6.5m total value of the bid has to be seen moreover against net assets of around £9m, including a high proportion of land and buildings. And, for what it is worth, the historic exit p/e is

just 4.

If the farming interests which have held around 30 per cent of the FMC equity (in addition to the 40.9 per cent held by the NFU) since the company was floated should swing behind the bid, it will probably not be for financial reasons alone. The NFU is promising to improve its production and marketing lot, via FMC. However, FMC will probably have something to say about the wisdom of "farmer control" and all shareholders may be wise to ensure they attach importance to pure investment considerations in this

LMS .

After the write-downs

An unhappy tale emerged yes-terday from Sir Max Rayne's London Merchant Securities, and that the shares closed un-changed at 19p can be attri-buted simply to the market having taken due heed of the tone of the interim statement and done its sums accordingly. Inevitably, there was a slow lere, after all, appeared to be classic geared situation, where at commission rates mean that the classic geared situation, where at commission rates mean that at commission rates mean that the classic geared situation, where and replenish stocks it was but what caused the damage, in easy enough to be optimistic. As we now know, it proved against profits for interest and outgoings on the North Americant and outgoings on the North Americant and the classic geared situation, where the classic geared situation, where when industry went hell for down in property income follow-leading the freeze on rent reviews.

As we now know, it proved against profits for interest and outgoings on the North Americant and the classic geared situation, where the classic geared situation where and replenish stocks it was but what caused the damage, in easy enough to be optimistic. But what caused the damage, in addition to a £710,000 charge against profits for interest and can properties, was the LMS ely large effect on profits, other major suppliers to the gearing. Thanks to a higher tax ow marked this effect has motor industry industrial discrete and virtually unchanged een in the past is clear enough putes throughout the spring and minorities of £1.6m attributable consolidated Carlton Industries, a pre-tax decline of a seventh becomes a fall of a balf at the earnings level. The upshot is the passing of the final dividend and the one for 10 scrip issue scant recompense in these

income-hungry days.
While some profits, although undisclosed at this stage, have the shares to 37p. With only one each of the October-July selling cut accordingly. Since then also of the October-July selling cut accordingly. Since then as on still to go, Christies was there has been some improvement, but at this stage Wilmot come following the Kuwaiti bid), ar cent to £44.3m and the has cut the interim dividend the investments in Beaverbrook and Edward Bates have proved an expensive venture. Provision has been made in the accounts to write the two stakes down by £11m, which, after the inclusion of a development property net £2.5m in North America, reduces net asset value from £47m to around £41m.

Much obviously depends on

today's events as to the future, but a useful indication would be to include in the accounts, due next week, the extent to which borrowings have dropped since March. The shares are unattractive.

French mount a nuclear attack on their oil imports bill

Perhaps his older and more

experienced colleagues would have added an "en principe "-the traditional and reluctant homage which Frenchmen pay to the exis-tence of a real world that does not always conform to rational expectations

None the less, the remark conveys pretty accurately the mood of the French administration ation as, under new political leadership, it confronts the world economic crisis.

The particular decision he referred to was the nuclear referred to was the nuclear energy programme adopted in March this year—a programme so ambitious that it has met with some scepticism among energy experts on this side of the Channel.

Thirteen nuclear power stations with light-water reactors are to be started during 1974 and 1975, and the government expects to keep up

ment expects to keep up "approximately the same rhythm"—that is six or seven 900-megawatt reactors a year—until the end of the decade. until the end of the decade.

Besides this, work is going ahead on EURODIF, the joint French-Belgian - Italian-Spanish separation factory on the Rhône, which the French expect by 1980 to produce enough enriched uranium by the diffusion process to fuel a hundred power stations; and in the middle of next year work will start on Superphénix, a 1,200-megawatt fast breeder reactor to be built with German and Italian participation.

The French are clearly thrilled by the success of their 250-megawatt prototype fast

250-megawatt prototype fast breeder, Phénix, which last year overtook its cousin at Dounreay and since the beginning of this year has actually been connected to the national electricity grid. They regard the invention of a reactor

"C'est decidé. Donc ce sera a kind of philosopher's stone fait." The words fell from the lips of the young technocrat without a trace of irony.

"C'est decidé. Donc ce sera a kind of philosopher's stone imported oil, which constrains them to what some of them to the Club of Rome's warning regard as des actes de bassesse that the world will run out of (bowing and scraping) towards

natural resources.

But they admit that this technology is still largely an unknown quantity, and that insuperable obstacles to its commercial exploitation may yet be encountered. (For instance, environmental hazards, although they argue that a priori fast breeders should be less dangerous than the present generation of reactors, because they do not involve pressure.) The French Commissariat à

l'Energie Atomique has close contacts with Britain's Atomic Energy Authority, and its offi-cials (unlike some French political leaders) speak with respect of the Dounreay reactor. Clearly they would wel-come Franco-British cooper-ation on the next stage of fast breeder technology.

In any case the industrial dimension (3,000 to 4,000 megawatts) will not be reached

megawatts) will not be reached for another 10 or 15 years. In the meantime France is relying mainly on light-water reactors (most of them built under Westinghouse licence but some on the General Electric boiling water model) to enable her to cut down oil imports

ports.
Of course, even this is only a middle-term prospect. In the short term oil consumption is short term of consumption is expected to rise from 15,000 million tons in 1973 to 23,000 or 25,000 million in 1980-82.

Only then will it start to drop steeply, to 4,000 or 5,000 million in 1985. ("Perhaps zero", one high official said, descripts to doubt of electric dreaming no doubt of electric or electronic cars.)

The French argue that the decision to go all out for nuclear energy is imposed on them by their lack of alternative resources such as Britain's rich coal seams and been 6 per cent.

North Sea oil. They are acutely They argue that to slow "value added" has risen by aware of their dependence on more abruptly than this would more than the amount result-

the oil producers.

Paradoxically, this policy has led them to opt out of contin-gency plans for oil-sharing between consumer countries. They seem reluctant to believe that America would really share its supplies in a crisis, and fear that the only effect of these American-sponsored plans will be to antagonize the producers, and especially Arabs.

But for the price increase,

France would now be running a trade surplus, instead cf a deficit of more than 2,000m francs

per month.

The government is determined to get the foreign trade account back into balance by the end of next year. To some extent this can be helped by developing home resources, but the scope here seems small: some pit closures are being postponed, and there will prob-ably be some expansion of hydro-electric capacity.

More important are mea-

sures to reduce energy con-sumption and, above all, the effort to cover the deficit by increased exports. According to the finance minister, M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the government aims to reduce oil imports by 10 per cent in 1975.

"We believe we can do it by slowing down economic growth, by economizing on household fuel, and by speed limits on the motorways," he

rate remains surprisingly high by present international standards: 4.8 per cent this year, is rather more sophisticated and 4 to 4.2 per cent next than the Liberal proposal in year. But officials point out that this in fact represents "the biggest slow-up for 15 years", since during that period the annual average has been 6 per centual average has been 6 per centual versus and the component whose versus areas and the component whose versus and the component whose versus and the component whose versus areas and the component whose versus and the compon

working population is still growing by 0.6 to 0.7 per cent per year, and per capita productivity is also still growing

faster in France than abread In other words, unemployment remains a bogey. Government statements invariably list the maintenance of employ-nent" among the aims of ecoment' nomic policy, alongside the fight against inflation and the restoration of the trade balance. But the Prime Minister

recently made it clear that reducing inflation had the first priority, and full employment only the second. The present rate of inflation—14 to 15 per cent—is admitted to be "no longer tolerable", especially as it is twice that of West Germany, France's biggest commercial partner. Employers argue that government policies over the past

15 years have in fact created an acute labour shortage in France, even though France has one of the most generous unemployment benefit systems in Europe, which should have made it possible to allow a certain slack in the economy and so increase mobility of

Ministers are not saying so in public, but they are clearly counting on the fear of unemployment to moderate wage demands, and the fear of bankruptcy to moderate firms' will-

ingness to pay.

They are discreetly strengthening price controls, but fight shy of any direct attempt to control incomes, Instead they are introducing an anti-inflation tax (taxe conjoncturelle) which

prices by more than the permitted average, unless it can prove otherwise.

The "superfluous" fraction of value added will therefore taxed at a punitive and the proceeds put in a special non-interest bearing account which can be used to improve the rate of interest paid to small savers.

The money will be returned to the firms concerned if and when inflation has been suc-cessfully checked. (The cri-terion for this is not yet definitely decided but will probably be a period of three consecutive months in each of which the retail price index rises by less than 0.5 per

The firm remains free to spend its legitimate income in wage increases or otherwise as it sees fit. Consequently this tax will be at best a very in-direct form of wage control.

However, government statis-tics show that recent wage increases have been financed, not by increased corporate incomes but mainly by borrowing abroad. The government apparently hopes that in the months to come the cooler economic climate will discourage firms from adopting this expe-dient, and that the labour mar-ket will be slack enough for wage-earners no longer to exert the same bargaining

To understand this one must remember that trade unions have a much smaller membership in France than in ship in France than in Britain, and the behaviour of the workforce is less predictable. The government probably expects some kind of confrontation with the unions in the new year, but believes that the political and economic atmosphere will be such that it can phere will be such that it can

Edward Mortimer

Price complexities in the world sugar crisis

Despite government prayers to the contrary, the sugar crisis in Britain shows no sign of abating. Almost all retail supplies are still rationed, albeit by shopkeepers and not by the Government, while output of home-grown beet is still to be

restricted in this country by the EEC. Refiners indignantly that they are buying back free market sugar that they pro-cessed and exported from this country. Shopkeepers angrily reject the refiners' supply figures while consumers mutter darkly about stocks being held in warehouses in order to

take advantage of the next price increase. MURISTR has behaved publicly as if it believes that ignoring the shor-tage will make it fade away. Retailers accuse it of failing to heed their spring warnings about low supplies, since when

it has steadfastly refused to

take over the responsibility for rationing from the shop trade The result has been a fright-ening illustration of the ease in which public confidence in food markets can be eroded. If a shortfall of less than 20 per cent for one commodity can lead to assaults on supermarket managers, what might an acutely shortage-conscious pub-

lic do if more than one basic food all but disappeared from store displays? But the sugar problem in But the sugar problem in Britain, now compounded by a sickly crop of home-grown beet, is but an exaggerated reflection of a world crisis in the commodity. It is worth bearing in mind that the British public, with its unusually sweet tooth, consumes a minute proportion

consumes a minute proportion of world supplies. Confirmation that the world

sugar economy was in crisis came yesterday from Dr Albe:: Viton of the commodities and trade division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

He said in Bonn after visit-ing the sugar industry in West

Germany that the FAO had been concerned at least five years ago about global supply prospects. "We pointed out that it was only a matter of time before prices would begin

to rise. "Our prediction of a grow ing imbalance between supply and demand, which would be adjusted by rising prices, possibly even by a prices explosion, could be proved wrong—we stated this time and time again—only by starting immediately on measures to expand

production on a scale greater than seemed on the cards. "Preliminary data indicate that during 1970-74 world con-

sumption exceeded production by 6.5 to 7.5 million tons." Dr Viton said inary data showed that in the 83 countries which accounted for 95 per cent of consumption the non-communist world (amost 55 million tons), the "real" price in 1973 was only per cent higher than in 1970. He estimates the "real" price increases for the 83

countries this year at between 5 and 10 per cent, possibly more—the greatest upsurge on record. But the crucial point is that more than 90 per cent of the increases will be limited to

the increases will be limited to a few very high income countries, accounting for less than 20 per cent of consumption.

Consequently world offtake will be only slightly affected, probably only 500,000 to 750,000 tons out of an estimated world consumption of 79 million tons.

Another startling fact, he

Another startling fact, he said, was that in the exporting, self-sufficient and near self-suf-ficient countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia, con-suming about 40 million tons in 1974, "real" prices actually continued to decline during the year and with accelerating niomentum. Dr Viton believes that dur

ing the first nine months of this year prices fell on the average in these countries by 5.10 per cent to an all-time

Scargill, the Yorkshire NUM

president, was the prime mover behind the NUM executive's

rejection of the productivity

incentive scheme, which the coal board claims could have been worth up to £12.50 a week

Scargill has since looked a lot happier, having now made a

total recovery from his defeat at the NUM annual conference

in July, when his motion seek-

ing to put firm figures on this

year's annual pay claim was

defeated in favour of a vaguer

When the productivity scheme

first came up before the NUM executive, Scargill could only find two supporters for out-

and more moderate resolution.

Hugh Clayton and John Woodland review the background to the shortage.

Since prices in countries which account for about 80 per cent of world consumption, including the communist nations, are regulated in some way or another, and have not been allowed to rise sufficiently to have a significant impact on demand, it was inevitable that any tightness in supplies should bring about great price pressure on the marginal quantities entering world trade.

That this international trade, which accounts for less than a quarter of world consumption is a marginal market, and the average world market price therefore suffers from exag-in the next five years would be gerated price effects both up less than £150 a ton, or less

Normally a price explosion in the world market as that witnessed in sugar, would trig-ger off a boom in production. But this has been quite mild.

ground that this was sufficiently the best guarantee of surviv-remote from his audience not to al ", he added. arouse their wrath.

monplace of sugar economics.

provides a useful illustration, mantle the traditional Comwith the paradox of farmers monwealth Sugar Agreement muttering about reducing beet sowings in the 1975 season that is fully absorbed by the sowings in the 1975 season because of low returns, while the farmers' unions, supported by Mr Peart, the Minister of Agriculture, press for reversal of the EEC Commission's ban on expansion of the British beet acreage.

Domestic expansion is governed by domestic prices and not those for exports. In the cane-producing nations the profitability of growing sugar, although it has risen, has suffered in comparison with that of other crops.

Dr Viton gave a warning yes-terday against assuming that high world prices will persist indefinitely. He suggested that

and down, has been the com- than half of the record figures registered on the London mar-ket this year.

Although there was little chance that new production could be brought in at this But this has been quite mild.

Dr Viton restricted specific overlook the possibility of a national illustration of his case to the United States, on the productivity is in the long run

rouse their wrath.

This is the world context in
But the British experience which Britain is about to dis-

Last month M Lardinois, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, said that after March 1 next year the Community and would be responsible for the supply of sugar to the United Kingdom.

EEC.

He unveiled a plan to channel Britain's traditional supplies from Commonwealth cane producers through the Community at a subsidized price.

He said nothing about the claims that other Community members might make on such supplies. Britain after all is not the only EEC country in which there is a danger of under-use of refining capacity.

INTERIM STATEMENT

Legal & General Interim Report-1974

The Society reports the following premium income figures for the first half of 1974 and has declared an interim dividend for 1974 as shown below.

| | First 6 months 1974 £m | First 6 months 1973 £m | Whole of 1973 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Long-term business New Premiums* | | | *************************************** |
| Pensions | 21.8 | 13.0 | 28.0 |
| Ordinary Life | . 5.5 | 5.9 | 11.4 |
| Short-term business Written Premiums* | | | |
| UK . | 15.1 | 13.2 | 24.2 |
| Overseas | 11.8 | 8.0 | 17.6 |
| *excludes the Victory Insurance Co. Lis | L | • • | |

(1973: 1.5p) has been declared, payable on 2 January 1975. With the associated tax credit of 0.788p per share this is equivalent to 2.388p (1973: 2.143p)

Copies of the full Interim Report are available from the Secretary, John Neill, at Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria St., London, EC4N 4TP.



Business Diary: Bull market in Stock Exchange artists into hostile territory to a low-key flying visit to Sheffield and to a pit near Wakefield, both comfortably distant from Barnsley, where Arthur Scar-gill holds court over the York-shire area of the National Union of Mineworkers.

chie Gunn, an associate mem-of brokers Keith, Bayley, gers & Co, was busier trad-yesterday than many other Stock Exchange man. s pitch, bowever, was not the Exchange but in the spers' Hall, and he was deal-not in shares but in pottery

l paintings.
Junn was celebrating his first
as chairman of the Stock change Art Society in fine le. When Ross Davies, siness Diary's art critic, ke to him, he was busily ping the books and accept-cheques on exhibitors' beduring a very successful t day of the society's 56th ual exhibition.

le said the society had been v worried that there would a fall in the number of exits this year after the savage f prunings of recent months. the event, not only is the lout almost as good as last is record show, but by the f lunchtime City art lovers forked out more than £450, rly half the total for last

he Exchange's present pes-bism is belied by the subjects sen by its bohemian ele-it. Gunn, for instance, has be pictures hung and both in subjects and treatment por-s himself as both an opti-t and a Romande. Gunn's a titles such as "Evening at bile T. Atamaniuk is show.

The Venacher or "Light and a broker husband says: "Look, dear, the way things are, that the bary on the green.

The exhibition continues heavy on the green.

Thile T. Atamaniuk is showan "Agony and Hope", until 4 pm tomorrow.

there is little fire and brim-sione to be seen—certainly no-snapshots of hell after Goya by such as Richard Thompson, the Exchange's official assignee, and the man who presides after a hammering.

have cornered the topicality market. She is showing a "Lonrho Still Life", a group of cognac and sherry bottles against a newspaper, whose main story asks "The Lourho Power Game: Could TV Do It

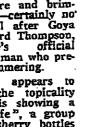
one looks like a pound of sprats—or are they red her-rings?—lying across a Daily Express, whose splash story proclaims "Unions Back Chaos

Dorothy Duval appears to

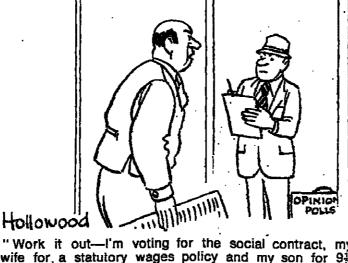
Evidently a devotee of balance, the artist has—at £50, half the "Lonrho" price—a "Unions Still Life". This

A good half of the contribu-tors are women. This, Gunn explains, is because membership of the art society is open to the female relatives of Stock Exchange members and staff. In fact, the picture that Business Diary liked best was of a woman by a woman—Nancy Longman's "Girl in Blue".

This shows with a rather fierce competence a sulky blonde reclining in a powder blue smock. Her expression is just what might be expected as



Pit foray Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, was on dangerous ground during his the



"Work it out-I'm voting for the social contract, my wife for, a statutory wages policy and my son for 91 per cent mortgages.

The current issue of POEU, the journal of the Post Office Engineering Union, carries an article describing the endorsement of the social contract at last month's TUC Congress. The article is entitled The Contract scheme. is Forged.

visit to Yorkshire yesterday. Not, of course, that his lunch-time audience—members of the Institute of Directors—could fail to sympathize with him in his troubles in selling to his labour force, the miners, a productivity - linked incentive

However, it was the miners of Yorkshire who were chiefly responsible for blowing a very large raspberry at the NCB's carefully-concocted pit productivity scheme. ates. He was on Sir Derek confined his foray Spain at the time.

right rejection. But by

Thursday, when the issue was finally decided, the Scargill-led left wing phalanx had scored a resounding victory. The dis-arrayed moderates could only scrape together four votes in support of the plan. Scargill's cause was however helped by the absence at last week's executive of Scargill's

opporite number. Len Clarke, the chief tactician of the Nottinghamshire area moderates. He was on holiday in

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stronger margins at Pork Farms after bumper opening half

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man, told shareholders in June that the group's expansion plans would continue for the current year on several fronts. First the board aimed to increase its snare was a of the pie, sausage, and cooked- plans.

Having passed the £1m mark for the first time last year. Pork Farms has made a fine start to 1974-75; pre-tax earnings jumped from £461,000 to £625,000 for the half to August 31. Turnover for the period rose from £6.99m to £8.91m, indicating an increase in margins from 6.59 to 7.01 per cent.

On net profits of £300,000, the interim dividend is being raised from 3.75p to 4.95p. Earnings

meat market under its own house brands.

The second aim was to extend the activities of the Porkdown subsidiary. Mr Samworth said that this company was in its infancy, but sales and profits were already well up to budget. Thirdly, growth this year would come from the vastly increased volume of products due to be made by the group for sale by leading retailers under their own label.

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Mr David Samworth, chair. meant a big rise in borrowings in 1973-74, cash flow was in line with forecasts. This, together with bank facilities available, was adequate for the board's

Market relieved at tax burden on Bougainville

the new taxation agreement with Papua New Guinea. Simpler than at first seemed likely, the tax burden compares favourably with those thrust upon the minimister, said yesterday that he ing companies in Canada, parexpected the company to pay a ticularly in British Columbia.

company a return of 15 per cent after tax on capital employed of \$A390m, two tax rates are employed. On pretax profits up to \$872m (£49m) a standard tax rate of 33; per cent will be paid, and above this level, an excess profits rax of 70 per cent will be levied.

Bougainville Copper shares As part of the deal. Bougain-spurted 6p to 94p following the ville will pay only half the ex-announcement of the details of cess profits tax on first-half pro-As part of the deal, Bougaincess profits tax on first-half profits which amounted to \$112m, excluding exchange gains. Mr Michael Somare, PNG's chief expected the company to pey a Cularly in British Columbia. total of \$55m this year in taxes

Designed to give the mining on the assumption that secondhalf profits would amount to \$55m.

Bougainville will no longer be exempt from PNG normal taxation and excise duties, and will, as will the government, contribute 50c a tonne on copper production to an environmental re-habilitation fund.

final leg but S Lyles at peak £1.27m

The initial costs of its new Calder Bank mills and steps taken to limit some margins prevented S. Lyles, carpet yarn spinners and dvers, reaching its objective of a final leg matching the first in its second year as a public company.

public company.

In the opening phase of the last financial period to June 30, profits soured 71 per cent to £701,000 but over the final six months they were 10 per cent off, at £576,000, to give overall growth of 21 per cent to a record £1.27m pre-tax. Turnover was up from £5.20m to £8m, also a peak figure.

My John files chairman

Mr John Lyles, chairman, says that in the second half the group almost maintained the value of its United Kingdom turnover, in spite of a slow-down in trade, and at the same time considerably increased appears which overall were exports which, overall, were doubled in volume and much more than doubled in value.

Rustenburg holds back dividend

At the interim stage, Rusten-burg Platinum said that, provided demand remains firm, net revenue will show an increase of 35 per cent and, if so, divi-dends would exceed those of the previous year by at least this amount. In the event, profits have proved even better, rising 50 per cent at the net level to R56.2m, but the dividend in crease has been held back to only 17 per cent. A final of R13.54 is being paid, raising the total from R18.64 to R21.84 a

Slowdown in Adverse market trends may hit Orion

With premiums written for the first six months rising from £7.5m to £7.7m, and underwriting profits going up from £560,000 to £580,000, taxable profits at Orion Insurance rose from £1.3m to £1.8m. Underwriting profits include half the estimated surplus of the marine and aviation underwriting accounts due for assessment at December 31. Investment income accounted for £1.4m (against £904,000) of profits. The dividend goes up from £550 to £36p.

to 2.6p.

The board expects a reason able surplus after assessment of the 1972 marine and aviation accounts at December 31, and the 1973 figures are develop-ing a similar pattern. However, the 1974 accounts may be in-fluenced by present adverse market trends.

The fire and accident, and the non-marine (London and special reinsurance) revenue accounts will produce a loss for the full year, but it should be less than that incurred in

Jackson & Steeple

Falling back from the halfway point, when profits were doubled, the pre-tax of Jackson & Steeple, cotton weavers, added 47 per cent to £543,000 for the year. Turnover rose from £3.2m to £4.5m and earnings from 19.2p to 21.5p a share. The total dividend is 3.15p

Smaller loss by Newall Tool

Peterborough-based Machine Tool, which made a pre-tax loss of £730,000 in 1972-73, has reduced this to £280,000 in the year to March 31 last. Sales were down slightly from £4.2m to £3.9m and again there is to be no ordinary dividend. The board say that most sections

"Disappointing" results from Highlight Sports, makers of leisure wear, are none teless a record for the year to May 19, helped by a recovery in the newly-acquired Joncraig (bought in 1972).

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Taxable profits of the group were £590,000. against £555,000 for the preceding 59 weeks, on turnover up from £10.4m to £14.6m. But the final dividend is cut from 3p to 1.19p reducing the total from 4.12p to 2.38p. The attributable profit balance emerges at £309,000 (£270,000), or 6.05p (4.92p) a share.

Maynards top £1m

All the signs at half-time were All the signs at half-time were that Maynards, the confection-ery group, would attain peak profits of over £1m for the year to June 30. In the event profits were returned at £1,009,000 showing an increase of 13 percent on the £893,000 for 1972-73. Exceptional items of £69,000 against £100.000 are added and after tax of £541,000 against against £100.000 are anded and after tax of £541,000 against £442,000 the "net" works out to £537,000 against £551,000. The total dividend is brought up to 22p from 21p with a final payment of 15.74p against 15p.

Macallan's fresh peak Full-year profits similar to last year's record £458,000 were forecast at halftime by Macallan-Glenlivet, the mait whisky distillers. In the event for the year to July 31, pre-tax

to filt. The total divident is being raised from 4.98p to 5.23p. The board say 1974-75 is expected to be one of high production, but any financial progress stemming from this will be restricted by the reduction of percentage profit margins.

Kamunting payout

The Treasury has given consent for Kamunting Tin Dredging to increase its dividend for last term from 6.78p to 8.84p. At pre-tax level profits soared 40 per cent to £711,000. Not included in this is an exchange adjustment from currency re-alignments amounting to £45,000 (£46,000) which has been transferred to reserves.

Dale Electric

Following up last year's record profit of £788,000 Dale Electric Intervational has increased its interim profits from £375,000 to £505,000 before tax. This was achieved on turnover up from £2.42m to £2.92m. The dividend goes ahead from 2p to 2.4p, and earnings a share from 4.14p to 5p.

T. & N. in France

For about £650,000, Turner & Newall is buying 82 per cent of Ets Dagard et Fils, which makes pre-fabricated doors and panels for cold store insulation. The deal gives Turner & Newall a base in Europe and additional expertises in the insulation expertise in the insulation field.

Lloyds Industries

A disappointing 40 per cent drop to £233,000 is reported in mid-term pre-tax profits of mid-term pre-tax profits of Lloyds Industries International, which specializes in car-care products. Yet sales are well

2.08p (1.99p). Mr T. Heywood, chairman, is hopeful that the second half will show an im-

provement on last year. Bruntons jump

in first half

Steel wire makers Bruntons (Musselburgh) made a strong opening in the first half to June 30, with both sales and profits making substantial gains. Taxable profits leapt by 45 per cent from £598,000 to £867,000—including stock appreciation of £105,000 against £38,000—on sales showing a 38 per cent rise from £2.8m to £3.9m. The interim dividend is raised from equal to 2.5p to the maximum permitted of 3.5p.

Overall tonnage produced in the third quarter shows the improvement over 1973 continues and with the raw material tinues and with the raw material position easier and order loads at record levels, production will also be high in the final quarter.

Smith on tight rein

The joint chairmen of Smith The joint chairmen of Smith stock, one of the leading London stockjobing firms, say that while the low level of business in the current year has reduced interest charges, total expenses have not been reduced proportionately. But sufficient jobbing profits have been earned in the first current to cover all frst quarter to cover all expenses in that period.

They stress that the company has suffered a reduction in turn-over particularly as a result of the Budget measure to extend the 25 per cent surrender rule overseas Sterling Area

Chaddesley Inv

After a provision of £405,000 for the fall in the value of quoted securities and for loans and advances Chaddesley Investments made a group loss of £427,000 (against a profit of £168,000 pre-tax) in its last term to March 31.

During the year the group made loans of £166,000 to Kemley Investment Trust and in addition an advance of £50,000 to another company was guaranteed by Kemley. A provision of £176,000 has been made against these sums.

Wilkinson to accept new Weyroc offer

Because of a change of policy to concentrate its board material activities in Europe Swedish Match is making a firm offer of about 13m cash fou 75 per cent of the equity of United Kingdom business only of Weyroc, the board-making offshoot of Wilkinson Match which is accenting. which is accepting.

The Swedish group is not not interested in Airscrew-Weyrn Canada, and Wilkinson is talking with potential purchasers opartners in North America for that business. There are option as both sides for the sale of this

on both sides for the sale of the other 25 per cent of Weyroc.

The previous offer valued 7 per cent of UK and Canadia Weyroc at £4.3m. In addition the £3m cash, Swedish Match undertake that Weyroc will repay its existing loan of £3.55n from Wilkinson by five equalizations. annual payments.

G Kent complain at delay over bid decision

With General Electric Co's 15.8m cash bid for George Kent. It is instrument maker, due to close today at 3 pm, the Kentic camp was complaining last night that the Government had still the complete that the comple not committed its 24 per cent

stake.

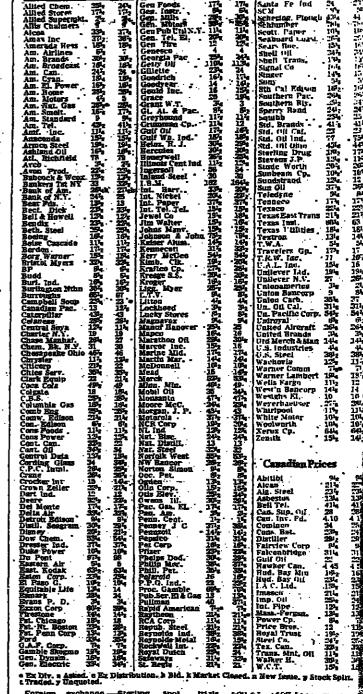
The alternative for Kent, and the proposal which has the subsport of the group's workforced is a scheme put up by the Swisselectrical company. Brown Boveri, to inject £6.5m into a new company Brown Bover Kent. Existing Kent share holders, including the Government, would hold 51 per centand Brown Boveri the remainder of the shares in BBK. der of the shares in BBK. While the GEC camp was un willing to comment last night on whether its bid will be ex-tended beyond today's deadling it is assumed that this will be

the case. Kent's point yesterday was that the Government's delay ingiving a decision, which, like any shareholder, it is entitled to do, was adding to the uncertainty of Kent shareholder.

Wall Street

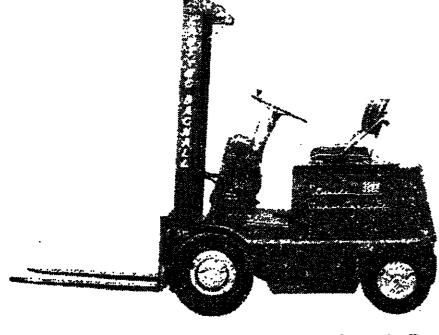
New York, Oct 9.—Wall Street today gave a cool reception to President Ford's anti-inflation speech, according to dealers. Share prices declined moderately through the first hour but, by mid-session, part of the loss had evaporated.

There appeared to be disappoint ment that Mr Ford's proposal did not go far enough, said on analyst, but selling was scattere The Dow Jones Industrial Average seven points at one time, showe a net loss of about three point at mid-day.
Yesterday, the industrial average declined 4.93 to 602.63. Volume totalled 15.460.000 compared with



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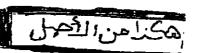
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RenStock markets

Food shares weaken

The stock market suffered a severe reversal of the trend of he previous day, when publicaion of opinion poll predictions of an increasing swing towards abour brought a sharp fall in

The opinion poll forecasts vere published in two major faily newspapers, and equities vere sharply lower within the irst hour of trading. There were no buyers willing to go gainst the trend, and so the lide in prices continued hroughout the session. By the close, the FT index had left he 200 mark well behind again, o close 9.3 off at 191.9, and he Times index, at 74.49, had

ost 2.45 points.
Turnover remained relatively ight, although an increase in he day's recorded bargains otal, at 6,832, disclosed the

otal, at 6,832, disclosed the sectic drive to close positions head of Election Day.

Also upsetting equities was ise in food prices from a direction of Unilever. This, following a the heels of the previous lay's report from Marks & ipencer, fuelled the City's resewed fears that inflation renains the major hazard for the Inited Kingdom.

There was a further rise in

There was a further rise in he investment dollar premium, sible for a further easing of gilthich ended the day a net 3
oints higher at 71½ per cent.
Among losses were ICL, 7p off
t 161p, Distillers 3p off at 85p, lowest of the day.

Beecham 4p down at 131p
With Wall Street unimpressed
by President Ford's anti-inflationary package, there was no Support yesterday for United States-oriented stocks. Fisons fell 7p to 175p, while late falls in oil shares left BP 10p lower at 256p.

The warning from Unilever took toll of food company shares such as J. Bibby, Cavenhams and Tate & Lyle, but not Unilever. Still suffering from predictions of a reduced sugar beet crop, British Sugar fellocations again.

Particularly weak were the home banks and insurance issues which figured prominently in Tuesday's rally. Shares in Slater Walker lost 7p to 6kp, and among the major lending banks, National Westminster were 15p lower at 120p. Smaller losses among insurances left Commercial Union at 8kp.

Gold shares remained firm. Australian issues turned better.

Australian issues turned better on the easing of credit restrictions in Australia.

Concern at the economic out-

look and disquiet at the sug-gestion that the public sector's borrowing requirement in the present fiscal year will be much above expectations was respon-sible for a further easing of gilt-edged securities. Selling was continuous and prices through-

Latest dividends

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usiness appointments

VIr W Kirkpatrick named Scottish industry director

dustry's Office for Scotland, as dustrial Director for Scotland. will have the status of an tion of selective financial assistce under the Industry Act. He takes up the post on Novem-r 4. At present he is with the dustrial and Commercial Finance orporation.

Mr D. G. Eastmond has resigned

om the board of Lazard Brothers
ad Co to take up a temporary
pointment with the Department pointment with the Department Industry as a deputy director the industrial development unit. is expected that the secondment Il be for two years, at the end which Mr Eastmond will rejoin e board of Lazard Brothers. Mr C. H. Bly, Mr P. M. E. D.: Nair-Wilson and Mr R. E. Nair-Wilson and Mr R. E. ddy have resigned from the ard of Amari. Mr J. M. Beale, P. J. Eiton, Mr A. Miller and r P. S. Robinson have been pointed to the board.
Mr D. H. S. Forsyth has joined board of The Royal Trust Comny of Canada, the UK subsidiary The Royal Trust Company, ontreal.

Mr Derek P. F. Wheatley is to ce up an appointment with oyds Bank to succeed the legal viser, Mr F. C. L. Bell, when retires. Dr Lawrence Pilkington retires

Dr Lawrence Pilkington retires
Saturday from executive duties
th Pilkington Brothers. He will
y on the board as a non-execue director.
Mr W. H. Adams has joined
intinental filinois as general
inager,—property finance.
Mr Anthony Abrahams is to
come chairman of Masius,
rane-Williams & D'Arcy-Macinus as a result of a change in
company's management struce company's management struc-e. Mr Jack Wynne-Williams will titing as chairman of Masius, me-Williams & D'Arcy Mac-inus (Holdings) and as chairman the holding company. Mr David e and Mr Bert De Vos will be ne deputy chairmen of the ndon company. Mr Peter Gwynn to succeed Mr Abrahams as naging director and Mr Michael moon will take over as assistant naging director. The changes effective from January 1, 1975. dr W. G. Pullen has been cointed a director of Regalian

dr H. S. Spens has joined the ird of Hugh Baird and Sons. fr Albert Nute has become istant secretary of the Mersey cks and Harbour Company.

Bank Base Rates

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* Mambers of Accepting Houses ● Demands deposits, 11½ % £10,000 and over. of the National Freight Corpora-tion and to a new position of group coordinator, international. Mr J. E. Donnelly becomes managing director of Piessey's Private Communications and Data

Products.

Dr A. J. Hayter has been appointed managing director of the Carrier Drysys division of Haden Carrier Group.

Mr D. E. Lennard has been appointed executive director of C. T. Bowring Offshore Off (UK).

C. T. Bowring Offshore Off (DK).

A regrouping by British Nuclear
Fuels involves the following appointments: Dr D. G. Avery to
head the fuel division; Mr C.
Buck, reprocessing division, and
Mr J. Tatlock the enrichment
division.

Mr Michael Gurner has been

made joint managing director of Bell and Co (Westminster) with Mr Kevin Bell, who remains as chairman.

Mr Eric Goodwill is to be manag-

Mr Eric Goodwill is to be managing director of Computerskills and Mr Charles Melia becomes commercial director.

Mr Peter Dodge has been made chief executive of the ladies' division of the Ward White Group.

Mr Peter Bateman has joined the board of Reniokil as director of public relations.

Mr John Tustain becomes managing director of Autolease.

Mr Arrol Ferguson and Mr Norman Busby have been made

Norman Busby have been made associate directors of Supra Mr James Golothan has been made a director of Service, Post Office Telecommunications, in succession to Mr C. R. Dancey, who is retiring. Mr David Richards has been named by Datson UK as director of dealer planning and represen-

Mr Cliff Fox has become Mid-lands controller of ATV Network. Mr Malcolm Truepenny becomes assistant Midlands controller in addition to his present duties as

Midland accountant. Mr A. Kenneth Edwards is to be chief executive of The British Friesian Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland with effect

from next January.

Mr K. Durham has been elected president of The Compound Animal Feeding Stuffs Manufacturers National Association. Mr N. E. L. Hill is vicepresident.

Mr Donald G. R. Reid has acquired the business of the execu-tive selection consultancy Charles Martin Associates and is its new managing director. Mr Rupert C. Ross will join the company as a partner and director this month, Mrs Deane de Chassiron and Mr Iau J. Wallace continue as members of the board. Dr A. F. Daglish has relinquished

his position as managing director of the Industrial Chemicals Division of CIBA-GEIGY (UK) to take up a new corporate appointment as director of safety and manufacturing coordination. Dr J.
Grigor, formerly research and
technical director of CIBA-GEIGY
(UK) becomes managing director
of the Industrial Chemicals Divi-

Mr R. G. Paterson is now director of advanced switching, Plessey Telecommunications. Lord McFadzean has been

appointed chairman of the board of Scurry-Rainbow Oil, which now comprises Mr J. E. Bobbitt (managing director), Mr H. Allan, Mr J. P. Crone, Mr F. C. Finn and Mr R. F. Phillips.

Dr T. C. Hunt is now chairman of The Medical Sickness Annuity & Life Assurance Society, after the death of Dr A. H. Douthwaite. Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan becomes vice-chairman.

Issues & Loans

\$36m shipping loan for Cheng

Brandts and the Bank of America have arranged in conjunction with Chemco Pinancial Services and Banque de la Société Financière Européenne, a \$36m loan for the Y. C. Cheng group of companies of New

The proceeds will finance the purchase of a 116,000-ton bulk-ore carrier to be built in Japan. From its delivery in 1977 the vessel will be long-term chartered to K Line, the third largest shipping company in Japan.

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Franc Isque. Source: Kinder, Peabody Securi-Ties, London. Elec Machine's dealings with ex-chairman

Yesterday's annual meeting of Electronic Machine was told that Mr Max Welling, former chairman, who also holds 14 per cent of the company, had paid the group more than £34,000. The money is being held in a separate account until investigations into the company's affairs are completed. The annual report last August showed that the auditors had qualified the accounts over several matters. Mr P. Tooke, the new chairman, said vester day that accountants, Deloittes are helping the company's auditors with their investigation into the company and affairs be-tween it and Mr Welling. In July, Mr. Welling resigned after a disagreement with the board over amounts due to him.

Mr Tooke stated that while some money was no doubt owed to Mr Welling, on balance Mr Welling probably owed the company money.

Meanwhile, the first four months have produced sales-of £531,000 and improved profits

WOMBWELL FOUNDRY Turnover for 1973-74, £1.5m (£821,000). Pre-tax profit £175,000 (loss £74,000). Dividend 1.090 (nil). Earnings a share, 2.59p (nil). Trading continues good.

of £60,000.

Commodities

London daily sugar price reaches £385

The London daily SUGAR price was raised by £5 to £385 a long ton yesterday, a record for the second day running and a rise in the price of £20 in two days.

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The terminal opened at limit-up in all positions on a continuation of Monday's strong sentiment. Prices held at the highs and finished £2 to £0.50 above Monday's 1700 hours levels. The pools attracted virtually no selling interest and at the end of the session 582 lots were bid over.

Dealers anticipated high prices at yesterday's selling tender in the Dominican Republic for 20,000 tonnes of May shipment raws and at a buying tender in Lebanon for two cargoes of 1974 shipment whites and one cargo of raws.

Around mid-afternoon, the comparatively cheaper levels established after the earlier wave of profit-taking attracted renewed buying and jobber-covering. This pushed prices up to the day's highs to close with on-balance gains of £9.85 to £4. Sales totalled 4,984 lots.

Dec. £393.80-4 50: March, £377.00-7.50: £430.00 (12.25.60.00) and £324.50-4.00. [2526.00-1.00] March, £324.50-4.00. [2526.00-1.00

\$252.25-2.50; Oct, \$289.25-9.50; Dec. \$250.00-1.00; March. \$242.50-4.00. ISA prices, \$37.05c a lb; \$17-day average, \$35.24c. COPPER.—Cash wire bars were \$28.50 lower yesterday and three months down by the same amount. Cash cathodes were \$5.50 down and three months \$6.50 down and three months \$6.51-32.00. Sales. 1.925 tons. Cash cathodes, £593-5.00; three months, £621-32.00. Sales. 1.925 tons. Cash wire bars. £607-9.00; three months, £631-30.00 sales. \$6.825 tons. Cash cathodes, £593-5.00; three months, £605-7.00. Settlement, £568.00. Sales. \$50 tons. \$1.50 tons. \$6.825
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US cocoa grindings down

New York, Oct 9.--Cocoa bean grindings in the United States for the third quarter of 1974 totalled 59,314 short tons, compared with 65,079 tons in the same period of 1973, a fall of 8.9 per cent, the United States Chocolate Manufacturers' Association reports.-Reuter.

Discount market

Discount market

Discount houses were again very comfortably placed yesterday and for the second day running, the Bank of England intervened to "mop up" a small surplus by selling Treasury bills directly to the houses. However, identifiable factors suggested that the day would be flat and therefore the "mopping up" operation would lead to a slight shortage today. "Calling" at the outset was fairly heavy, but money was moving freely at about the 8½ or 9 per cent mark. The situation 9 per cent mark. The situation was uneven in the afternoon, but closing balances were taken between 4 and 6 per cent.

CHARTERHALL FINANCE Taxable profits for year, 570,500 (loss £105,000) on turnover £170,000 (£37,000). Oil discovery by Transworld Consortium has already had impact on results. No dividend.

COLTNESS GROUP Turnover, £2.7m (£1.9m). Taxable profits, £239,000 (£209,000) for half year. Interim is up from 0.91p to 1.03p.

S. CASKET (HOLDINGS) The total consideration payable for the menswear retailing interests of John Loveys is to be limited to £410,000. This figure is not a "second payment", as incorrectly reported yesterday.

STARTRITE ENGINEERING

Pre-tax profit for year increased from £202,000 to £257,000 on turn-over of £2.51m (£1.91m). Dividend is increased from 3.78p to 4.46p. PATANI PARA Pre-tax profits for 1973-74, f116,000 (£42,000). Earnings a share, 6.06p (2.63p). Dividend, 2.34p (2.25p).

Foreign Exchange

The dollar took a mild buffeting yesterday, mainly from Continen-mi traders who had expected President Ford to take tougher econ-omic measures than he did and also from the lower United States also from the lower United States interest-rate trend. Some operators thought Arab switching out of dollars may have contributed to the general weakness.

Deutsche marks and Swiss francs—two of the most active currencies—strengthened to 2.5750-75 and 2.8975-90 respectively at one stage (in dollar terms) before coming off the too at 2.5810 and

ing off the top at 2.5810 and 2.9137.
Other dollar cross rates were French francs, 4.7487, Dutch guilders, 2.6590, and the Italian lire 656,00; the latter was much Although losing ground generally against the dollar to \$2.3415, to show a net gain of 70 points.

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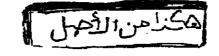
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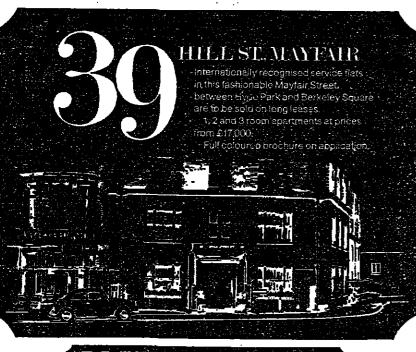
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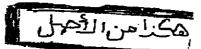
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Manufacturers switch to smaller models

Although next week's London Motor show will do its best to present a miling face, 1974 has been an un-ommonly glum year for car makers nd motorists alike.

The fuel crisis and general economic Road test: limate have affected new car sales so everely that industrial leaders like fr John Barber, of British Leyland, re saying that a full recovery could the Luxus, like the V the up to three years. As for the car wher, those traumatic weeks at the rn of the year when petrol seemed bout to dry up appear to have had a sting effect.

All the evidence would suggest that eople are using cars less and driving halogen headlights, and a black vinyl sem more carefully. Road casualty sunroof. Since all those embellishments ites have continued to run at 12 per ent below the 1973 figure long after te lifting of the 50 mph speed limit; etrol sales are down; fewer motorists ave taken car holidays abroad, and lose who stayed in Britain tended to take shorter journeys.

There is no sign of people giving up are altogether, but with the average mily saloon now costing £14 a week to an (according to Automobile Associaon figures) many owners must be ear the limit of their resources. One dication of that is the 15 per cent op in servicing work reported by the trage trade. One way to cut costs is miss a service.

Manufacturers have had to recourder their model range, the most ectacular instance being Ford's decion to build a small car after insisting r years that it would never do so cause of the low profit potential-itish Leyland argued sensibly that milv motorists would be reluctant to "crifice the space of a Marina or a ixi and what were needed were not As was generally predicted, there is been a marked switch to small cars,

> les Benz with nothing in its range ow £3,800, has done well to keep jost the same share of the market. haps even more surprisingly, Mazda so far defied the prophets of doom

> o saw the fuel crisis sounding the th knell for the Wankel rotary The difficulties at Aston-Martin have ced a stronger question mark against small specialists, who are particuly vulnerable to a depressed econot all car makers are being com-led to look at their products in a



The Siva Llama-utility vehicle with an Imp engine.

The Luxus, like the Vanden Plas version of the Austin Allegro, is an attempt to combine big-car comfort with the economy and convenience of a smaller model. Opel has taken the four-door 19 live. Ascerna and given it and of production several years door 1.9 litre Ascona and given it a nylon seat trim, adjustable headrests, add only £14 to the price, the Luxus is good value at £1,871. Potential buyers

would say that it confirms Opel's reputation for doing basic things well. Like the other Euro-American cars, Ford, Chrysler and Vauxhall, the Opels are Chrysler, but recently Chrysler becam thoroughly conventional in design and interested and actively cooperative. thoroughly conventional in design and do nothing to set the pulses racing, but they are sensible, well finished, and have no serious drawbacks. I Ecuador and the Lebanon, where there wonder whether Ford's Mark Two is a demand for a cheap, simple and capri, which looks so like the Manta, is almost a cottage industry product. Sive reckons that 20 a week could be

great success in European markets.

The Ascona, in fact, is a derivative of the Manta (usually it is the other Siva expertise and a minimum of capital equipment, in a 10,000 sq fr worksaloon). It was conceived as the successor to the Kadett, but got too big I used one for a week during the and was launched as a separate model. Summer, partly on, but mainly off, Even so, at 13ft 6.4in long, it is on the road, and found that it lived up the small side for a medium-range car, to Siva's claim of a "go anywhere" and although the boot is a good size, vehicle. there is some sacrifice in leg room at the back. On the positive side, the and much of the weight concentrated compact shape makes it easy to park above the driving wheels, it had ex-

98 mph. The engine, which always that would have removed the average started immediately on the automatic car's exhaust system. choke, sounds a bit like a sewing A top road speed of 80 mph is machine until it warms up, but that claimed, but an ear-splitting 65 mph a cruising speed of around 90 mph. Wind noise, too, is kept to a minimum. There is an excellent gear change and reasonable flexibility in top. Fuel consumption was between 25 and 29

mpg with four-star petrol.

Where the car really scores is with its fine, taut handling, good roadholdclimate. But the lesson of 1974 is ing, and the light and responsive rackand pinion steering. The ride is on the hard side, with rough surfaces making Te realistic light, with economy their presence felt, but there is virtuering more than performance and tomers demanding extra space and the admirable. The power-assisted for the control of the control ifort within a compact overall brakes are effective enough, once the of one felt the economic chill more travel. The instruments are easy to a Citroën hence the market and the read (the I was been a citroën hence the market are last to the long pedal mpg, it is a runabout rather than a read (the Luxus has a clock

ons of the 1970s. With cars like the fered so much from the energy crisis 2000 around the future cannot be and general economic situation (sales gloom.

half). But it is pleasant to drive and well enough made to give its owner many miles for his money.

Leyland's Moke, favoured as personal transport by the King's Road Che Guevaras, went out of production several years ago. Its successor as a stark, draughty and suitably revolutionary runabout is the Llama, which is to the Hillman Imp what the Moke was to the Mini (Stuart Markhell writes)

add only £14 to the price, the Luxus is good value at £1,871. Potential buyers should note that only 400 are being made for the British market.

On the car in general (mechanically the Luxus is identical to the 1900SR)

I would say that it confirms Opel's reput years ago and made a dozen develop-ment cars. The project nearly died, partly through lack of enthusiasm at Chrysler, but recently Chrysler became

Siva reckons that 20 a week could be assembled using Chrysler components,

With boldly patterned radial tyres th the Datsun Cherry emerging as a most popular foreign model, Fiat reasing its market share mainly ough the 126 and 127, and Renault ing better than ever with the 13-year. I R4. The two small British cars, ni and Imp. have also sold well. 3ut the market is by no means unimum and there have been successes at luxury end as well: Jaguar sales actually up on 1973, while Merical states at the state of the driving wheels, it had exact though lacking four-wheel drive in the driving seat.

Putting a 1.9 litre engine into this strong steel chassis platform, with a minimum 3in clearance and nothing with 0 to 60 mph acceleration in around 11 seconds (slightly quicker than a not dissimiliar car, the Triumph allowed the Llama to charge around 12854) and a top speed of 98 mph. The engine, which always started immediately on the automatic car's exhaust system.

A top road speed of 80 mph is

fuscines soon disappears and it re- seemed quite fast enough to me. The mains smooth and fairly quiet up to ride was hard, but the all-independent a cruising speed of around 90 mph. springing felt unbreakable across country.

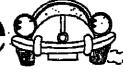
The weather protection on the Llama used consisted of flexible, zipped-in sidescreens and a rigid glass-fibre reinforced plastic roof. Siva is aware that sidescreens are not ideal, and future Llamas may have instantly

Siva is looking to overseas sales in the main, and I think wisely, because where the workhorse and thus not really comprofitable and stable Peugeot. But 1900SR has a revolutions counter), but coën also proved that it is still more of the minor controls could be sible to produce cars of technical liance which are nevertheless pertly in tune with the motoring conact at a car like the Ascona should have suffered so much from the appear of the 1970s. With care like the

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